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Rise in dog-bite cases in State

BENGALURU
Dog-bites are on the rise in Karnataka with the number of cases this year so far have already crossed last year's total. While 2,73,037 cases have been reported this year till date, as many as 2,32,754 were reported in the whole of 2023. » Page 3

HDK questioned

BENGALURU
H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister, appeared before the Lokayukta police probing a land denotification case against him and was questioned for over two hours on Friday. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was questioned on September 21. » Page 10

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SC raps air quality panel over pollution in capital

Court accuses Commission of non-compliance with the law, says its actions must translate into actual reduction of pollution; CAQM says it has taken steps to address stubble-burning

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday questioned the effectiveness of the Commission for Air Quality Management's (CAQM) interventions to curb pollution, saying that its directions only have a temporary impact on violators.

"Like pollution, your directions are in the air," Justice A.S. Oka, accompanied by Justice Augustine George Masih on the Bench, orally observed.

Pollution hearings are gathering steam in the top court, with sightings of stubble-burning reported in the areas neighbouring Delhi, along with the approaching winter season.

Burning issue: SC had last year directed governments to ensure stubble-burning was stopped immediately. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The court referred to specific provisions under the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, which provide teeth to the CAQM.

"There has been total non-compliance of the Act. Please show us a single direction issued to any stakeholder under the Act... We are of the view that though the Commission has taken steps, it needs to be more active. The Commission must ensure that its efforts and directions issued actually translate into reducing the problem of pollution," the Bench observed.

The CAQM, represented by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, responded that the interventions of the Commission had made a marked difference to pollution caused by stubble-burning. CAQM chairperson Rajesh Verma, who was present via video conference, said the Commission had been holding meetings with stakeholders and States.

The court directed the CAQM to file a status report by the next hearing on October 3. On September 24, the court sought a report from the CAQM on incidents of stubble-burning and action taken against the violators.

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MUDA case: FIR registered against Siddaramaiah, his wife, and two others

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Acting on a direction from a special court in Bengaluru, the Lokayukta police here on Friday registered an FIR against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife, and two others over the alleged irregularities in the allotment sites by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

The FIR has named Mr. Siddaramaiah as accused no. 1, his wife, Parvathi B.M., as accused no. 2, Mr. Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy as accused no. 3, and Devaraju, who sold the plot of land to Mr. Mallikarjuna Swamy, as accused no. 4.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Provisions

The FIR registered by the Superintendent of Police, Lokayukta, Mysuru, T.J. Udesh, has invoked various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, The Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988, and Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act, 2011, as per the directions of the special court, dealing exclusively with the criminal cases related elected former and sitting MPs/MLAs in Karnataka.

The FIR has been booked under 120B, 166, 403, 406, 420, 426, 465, 468, 340 and 351 of the IPC, Section 9 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 1988, Section 3, 53 and 54 of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act 1988, and Section 3 and 4 of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act 2011.

HC dismisses plea

The special court's directions to register an FIR against the Chief Minister and others was preceded by a decision of the Karnataka High Court to dismiss Mr. Siddaramaiah's petition against Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's move to sanction permission for an investigation against him in the alleged MUDA scam.

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Tamil Nadu CM Stalin meets Modi, seeks more funds

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and submitted a memorandum of three demands – approval for 50:50 equity by the Union and Tamil Nadu governments in the implementation of Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II, release of funds under Samagra Shiksha, and securing the traditional fishing rights of Indian fishermen.

The metro rail project has slowed owing to constraints faced under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, Mr. Stalin said, adding that

Reaching out: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the latter's office in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

expenditure had been limited to ₹8,000 crore. Hence, the commissioning of various stages was being delayed by nearly a year and completion date was pushed from 2027 to 2028.

For Phase-II, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) must secure a principal debt of ₹33,593 crore and a subordinate debt of ₹17,434 crore.

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Colourful

Dollu Kunita artists performing during a procession flagged off on the occasion of World Tourism Day in Mysuru on Friday. M.A. SRIRAM

Jagan cancels Tirumala visit

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUMALA

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy cancelled his visit to Tirumala, the abode of Lord Venkateswara, scheduled for Friday.

Following the decision, the tension that had built up in the temple town over his proposed visit dissipated, much to the relief of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) administration and the district police.

Mr. Reddy had planned the visit as part of his 'Papa Prakshalana' to seek atonement for the alleged sins committed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

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One shot dead as T.N. police nab gang involved in ATM robberies in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
NAMAKKAL/KOCHI

A 40-year-old driver of a five-member gang allegedly involved in ATM burglaries in Kerala was gunned down by the Tamil Nadu Police in Namakkal district on Friday.

The gang members were arrested after a chase. All the accused hail from Haryana.

According to the police, an armed gang broke into three ATM kiosks of a nationalised bank in quick succession in Thrissur, Kerala, in the early hours of Friday. The gang, infamous for using gas cutters to break into ATMs, allegedly escaped with the looted money in a car and headed

Crime trail: Forensic experts gather evidence from a truck used by the gang, in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu. E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

towards Tamil Nadu in a container truck. The car used for the burglary was concealed in the truck.

The Kerala Police then alerted the Tamil Nadu Police about the truck.

"From the very first look at the crime scene, we had a hunch that the 'gas cutter gang', infamous for similar operations and active in areas such as Mewar (Rajasthan) and Haryana, was behind this. They carried out a similar operation in Kannur in 2021. They used to follow the *modus operandi* of using containers (to flee), which they had followed in Kannur as well. We issued alerts to police chiefs of bordering districts, especially Krishnagiri, Erode, and Namakkal (in Tamil Nadu), to look out for suspicious-looking cars and containers," R. Ilango, District Police Chief (Kochi City), told *The Hindu*.

The Namakkal police conducting vehicle checks at Komarapalayam tried to stop one such truck, when the vehicle began speeding. The police personnel gave a chase, stopping traffic en route. They managed to stop the vehicle but the gang attacked the police by throwing stones.

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Ballari native has a hair-raising experience

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Next time you go for a haircut and the hairdresser throws in a free head massage, check if he/she is trained to do the job. A 30-year-old housekeeping staffer suffered what the doctors called a "life-threatening stroke" when his routine visit to a salon in Whitefield in Bengaluru for a haircut took an unexpected turn.

While getting a haircut, the hairdresser offered the Ballari native a free head massage. However, what was meant to be a relaxing experience quickly turned disastrous owing to the hairdresser's inexperience and forceful neck manipulation.

As the hairdresser twisted his neck exerting force during the massage, the young man felt an acute pain in his neck. He returned home, unaware of the severity of the injury, but soon began experiencing difficulty in speech, along with weakness in his left arm and leg. Alarmed by these symptoms, his roommates rushed to the hospital, where doctors diagnosed him with a stroke caused by a carotid artery dissection – a rupture in the blood vessel that supplies blood from the heart to the brain.

Sreekanta Swamy, Lead Senior Consultant – Neurology at Aster RV Hospital, where the man was treated, said that quick and unscientific neck movements could cause catastrophic outcomes.

"In this case, the rapid, forceful twist of the neck caused the blood vessel wall to tear, leading to clot formation and reduced blood flow to the brain, ultimately resulting in the stroke," he said.

The patient was treated with anticoagulants and other therapies, enabling his recovery. He was discharged within a week, but it took him almost two months to return to normal life.

Doctors emphasise that others may not be so lucky. There is an urgent need for the public to be aware of the risks associated with unqualified massages, especially those involving neck manipulation.

"Quick, erratic neck movements can lead to dissection of the blood vessels, resulting in life-threatening strokes. It is crucial to avoid unscientific manoeuvers or random twisting of the neck, whether done by hairdresser, taxi drivers trying to relieve tension, or individuals themselves. These actions can have devastating consequences," cautioned Dr. Swamy.

FOCUS SPORTS/ UTT

Ultimate Table Tennis: a passion project in need of mainstream sizzle

Having joined a select list of franchise-based leagues to have completed five seasons, UTT has the substance — not to mention the promoters' determination — to stay afloat. What must it do to draw more eyeballs and footfalls so it can take table tennis to the next level in India?

Amol Karhadkar

Ever since the inception of the Indian Premier League, numerous franchise-based leagues have mushroomed in the Indian sporting ecosystem. However, only a few, like the Indian Super League and Pro Kabaddi League, have lasted even five editions.

In September, Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) – a brainchild of Vita Dani and Niraj Bajaj, two corporate giants with a personal interest in the sport – joined the rare list. UTT has stayed afloat on either side of the global pandemic primarily because of the co-promoters' passion for the game.

An array of experiments

In fact, with the addition of two teams for the fifth edition – which concluded in Chennai earlier this month – the promoters are gung-ho about UTT being a "flourishing product". The business of the league is a story for another day, but let us explore the sporting aspect for now.

During a five-season essay over seven years, UTT has attempted an array of experiments – from changes in the format to the squad composition to the player pool – in a bid to make the action around the 9'x5' table more interesting with every passing edition.

The 2024 season was no different – the two new teams freshened things up. Athlead Goa Challengers – led by the dynamic Harmeet Desai – may have created history by becoming the first team to win multiple UTT titles – that too in successive editions – but the two new teams had contrasting debuts.

> We need more publicity. I think people were happy watching the stream. We should have more people come and experience it. The ones who watched the grand show wanted to come again
>
> **G. SATHIYAN**

While Ahmedabad SG Pipers made it to the knockouts, Jaipur Patriots' campaign was derailed even before the tournament began, with the diminutive Sreeja Akula being forced to pull out because of a stress fracture. S.F.R. Snehit's knee injury made it even worse as the Patriots came close to being in contention for a spot in the Playoffs before fading away.

Ronald Redep, the Croatian coach of the Jaipur franchise, stressed on the need for a better player replacement policy. "They [UTT] tried roping in Archana [Kamath] but she told them she had retired, so there was no way we could have got a formidable Indian female paddler of the same stature, so there has to be a plan to ensure such events don't rob a team," Redep told *The Hindu*.

In fact, Redep went a step further and sought a replacement pool of overseas players, too, midway through the tournament. "I come from a country of four-million population where teamwork matters the most. We had a player who was just not interested in being a part of the team but I could not drop him because there was no replacement option available. If these issues are addressed, UTT will continue to grow even more."

SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Each of the eight UTT franchises had six players picked through a draft, including an overseas male and female paddler. In addition, each of the six existing franchises had been given the option to retain one player each season since the league's post-COVID revival.

Attracting a wider audience

It results in each squad virtually having a new look – including the coaches – every season. While it may make the tournament a level-playing field, it ends up being detrimental from a follower's perspective.

For a sport like table tennis, with a very limited fanbase in India, identifying teams based on their star players may attract a wider audience in the coming editions.

Ahead of the next edition, it is imperative for the UTT organisers to expand the option of retention to two players ahead of the draft. Equally importantly, the option of retaining coaches should also be made available, especially considering the fact that the franchises have to pick from a central list of coaches made available to them.

Harmeet made no bones in seeking two player retentions and one coach retention for the next edition. "It will help because sometimes it takes time for the player to understand the coach and vice versa. If there is a 'coach retention' and more players are retained for the next edition, then the bonding would be much better," said the Paris Olympian.

Veteran coach Elena Timina – who has been involved in each of the five UTT editions and was the Goa Challengers' coach in the 2023 edition – played a perfect devil's advocate to the coach retention demand, though.

"What if, of the eight teams, six are happy with their coaches and they are going to retain their coaches and the other two are not happy and they have to be stuck with the same coaches they have? So there are ways to think it over and there is time also," she said.

While the retention policy will have to be debated by the technical officials involved in the league, the operations and marketing wings will have to think of innovative ways to attract spectators into the stands.

For each of the five editions so far, the UTT promoters have relied on the table tennis community – active and former paddlers, their friends and families – to ensure a sizeable presence.

With the manner in which the league's revenue model is structured – franchises pay a lump sum per season to UTT, which bears all the expenses for the season – franchise owners have little incentive to spend further on marketing to attract spectators; the onus lies solely on UTT.

After trying out the caravan model for the first two editions, UTT has settled into a single-city model for the last three editions.

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>
> **HARMEET DESAI**

The in-stadia challenge

But Chennaiites – despite the aura of the legendary A. Sharath Kamal and his successor G. Sathiyan – preferred to stay away from the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium for most of the 17-day event. In fact, with all the attention centred around creating a buzz through social media for the live telecast of the event, the in-stadia fans – a crucial element for a sport like table tennis – appeared to have been ignored.

With notional publicity and very little activation opportunities in the host city, most Chennaiites were unaware of the event being staged in their hometown. It resulted in empty stands for most of the days, despite the reasonable ticket pricing.

"We need to have more publicity. I think people were happy watching the stream. We are a largely improving sport. We should have more people come and experience it first," Sathiyan said.

"The ones who watched the grand show wanted to come again. You would have to bring them once, and then they would know the league is organised in the best way possible. I think that would really create a good image. It will get better in the coming seasons."

If the UTT promoters can strike a balance in addressing all of these issues, the sixth edition could well hit the ball out of the park.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,180	18
2	Alexander Zverev	27	6,875	23
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	6,690	17
4	Novak Djokovic	37	5,560	18
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	5,475	18
6	Andrey Rublev	26	4,645	25
7	Taylor Fritz	26	4,060	22
8	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,060	22
9	Casper Ruud	25	4,010	23
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,920	20
11	Alex de Minaur	25	3,655	23
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,390	23
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,005	21
14	Holger Rune	21	2,780	25
15	Frances Tiafoe	26	2,560	25

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 83 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 334 ▲ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	10,885	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	26	8,716	18
3	Jessica Pegula	30	6,220	21
4	Elena Rybakina	25	5,871	19
5	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,348	20
6	Coco Gauff	20	4,983	19
7	Qinwen Zheng	21	3,920	20
8	Emma Navarro	23	3,698	26
9	Danielle Collins	30	3,178	19
10	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,161	16
11	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,020	24
12	Beatriz Haddad Maia	28	2,981	26
13	Jelena Ostapenko	27	2,963	22
14	Anna Kalinskaya	25	2,725	21
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,720	26

Top Indians ▶

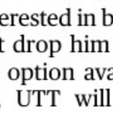
Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 295 ▲ 3 spots

Ankita Raina
Rank 309 ▲ 27 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	331	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	279	3
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	245	2
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	237	2
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	190	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	174	2
7	George Russell	Mercedes	155	1
8	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	144	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	62	0
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	24	0
11	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	22	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	12	0
14	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	12	0
15	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	8	0
16	Oliver Bearman	Haas	7	0
17	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	6	0
18	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	5	0
19	Franco Colapinto	Williams	4	0
20	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0

Max Verstappen



Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

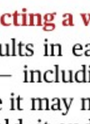
Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	516	5
2	Red Bull	475	7
3	Ferrari	441	3
4	Mercedes	329	3
5	Aston Martin	86	0
6	RB	34	0
7	Haas	31	0
8	Williams	16	0
9	Alpine	13	0
10	Sauber	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	101,815	18
2	Viktor Axelsen	93,790	14
3	Anders Antonsen	84,241	22
4	Kodai Naraoka	84,197	22
5	Lee Zii Jia	83,716	22
6	Li Shi Feng	82,996	18
7	Jonatan Christie	82,117	17
8	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	80,458	17
9	Chou Tien Chen	71,877	30
10	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	71,835	19
11	Loh Kean Yew	64,233	23
12	Lin Chun-Yi	62,801	28
13	Kenta Nishimoto	62,262	25
14	Koki Watanabe	61,034	20
15	Weng Hong Yang	59,930	19

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 18



Lakshya Sen
Rank 20

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	105,917	13
2	Chen Yu Fei	103,482	15
3	Wang Zhi Yi	90,895	19
4	Carolina Marin	87,736	14
5	Tai Tzu Ying	87,111	18
6	Akane Yamaguchi	81,277	11
7	Han Yue	80,209	21
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	77,062	20
9	Aya Ohori	75,517	24
10	Beiwen Zhang	65,356	21
11	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	63,430	25
12	Supanida Katethong	62,874	23
13	Kim Ga Eun	62,500	18
14	P.V. Sindhu	61,462	14
15	Pornpawee Chochuwong	60,884	21

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 14

Malvika Bansod
Rank 36

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	899	923
2	Kane Williamson	852	919
3	Daryl Mitchell	760	804
4	Steve Smith	757	947
5	Yashasvi Jaiswal	751	751
6	Rishabh Pant	731	801
7	Usman Khawaja	728	847
8	Mohammad Rizwan	720	728
8	Marnus Labuschagne	720	937
10	Rohit Sharma	716	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	871	904
2	Jasprit Bumrah	854	881
3	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
4	Kagiso Rabada	820	902
4	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Ravindra Jadeja	804	899
7	Nathan Lyon	801	801
8	Prabath Jayasuriya	743	783
9	Kyle Jamieson	721	836
10	Shaheen Afridi	709	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Rohit Sharma	765	882
3	Shubman Gill	763	847
4	Virat Kohli	746	909
4	Harry Tector	746	767
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	Pathum Nissanka	708	728
8	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	692	692
9	Travis Head	684	696
10	Fakhar Zaman	682	784

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	695	741
2	Adam Zampa	681	698
3	Rashid Khan	668	799
4	Kuldeep Yadav	665	760
5	Josh Hazlewood	663	727
6	Bernard Scholtz	650	659
6	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Jasprit Bumrah	645	838
9	Mohammed Siraj	643	736
9	Trent Boult	643	775

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	881	881
2	Suryakumar Yadav	805	910
3	Philip Salt	800	833
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	757	779
5	Babar Azam	755	896
6	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
7	Jos Buttler	702	720
8	Nicholas Pooran	668	668
9	Ruturaj Gaikwad	664	706
10	Josh Inglis	652	652

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	721	746
2	Akeal Hosein	695	683
3	Rashid Khan	668	816
4	Gudakesh Motie	664	674
5	Wanindu Hasaranga	663	797
6	Adam Zampa	662	743
7	Anrich Nortje	655	695
8	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692
9	Maheesh Theekshana	640	684
10	Josh Hazlewood	639	806

Geotechnical survey for Metro Phase III expansion begins

Earlier this year, the State government granted approval for the expansion. Following this, the Union Cabinet also greenlit the two corridors of Namma Metro's Phase III project

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Soil testing under way for Namma Metro project on Magadi Road in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has taken its first significant step toward the Phase III Namma Metro project by initiating a geotechnical survey at Magadi Road. This marks the beginning of a crucial stage in the metro's expansion aimed at improving the city's public transportation network.

BMRCL officials confirmed that they have commenced the geotechnical survey at KHB Colony, Magadi Road, where the Orange Line stretch of the Namma Metro is planned.

The Phase III expansion will introduce two new elevated metro lines. The first line, covering 32.5 kilometers, will connect J.P. Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura, passing through the western leg of the Outer Ring Road. This line will feature a total of 21 stations. The second line, which spans 12.5 kilometers, will run between Hosahalli and Kadabagere on Magadi Road, incorporating nine stations. Both lines are designed as elevated tracks to ease congestion and improve commuting times for Bengaluru's residents, according to officials.

Earlier this year, the Karnataka government granted approval for the Phase III expansion. Following this, the Union Cabinet also greenlit the two corridors of Namma Metro's Phase III project, which is estimated to cost ₹15,611 crore. The State government will shoulder 80%-85% of the total project costs, while the Union government will cover the remaining portion.

The geotechnical survey, valued at approximately ₹6 crore, is being conducted to analyze the physical properties of the soil and rocks along the proposed metro routes, the report is expected to be submitted in five months. A senior BMRCL official explained, "This investigation is crucial for understanding soil stability, rock formations, and other geological factors, which will help determine the depth and design of foundations needed for the metro pillars, ensuring the structural safety of the system."

Additionally, the BMRCL has initiated the land acquisition process for the 44.65-kilometer Phase III project. A preliminary notification has been issued to acquire 299 properties along the Outer Ring Road stretch, and submitted to the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB).

Upon the completion of Phase III, Bengaluru's metro network will extend to a total of 220.2 kilometers.

Namma Metro

Operational lines	
Purple Line	43.49 km
Green Line	30.32 km
Total	**73.81 km**
Lines under construction Phase II	
Green Line	3.14 km
Yellow Line	19.15 km
Pink Line	21.26 km
Blue Line	58.19 km
Upcoming projects Phase III	
Orange Line	32 km
Orange Line	13 km
Red Line	37 km
From J.P. Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura	From Hosahalli to Kadabagere

Job fraud: Cyber police arrest 10

The Hindu Bureau
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The Cybercrime Economic Offences and Narcotics (CEN) police, North Division, unearthed an online job fraud ring and arrested 10 people, all from Bengaluru.

The accused have been identified as Sayed Yayha, Umar Faruk, Mohamud Maheen, Mohamud Muzamil, Thejash, Chethan, Washim, Sayed Zaid, Sahi Abdul Anan and Omprakash. The police have recovered ₹1,74,000 cash, frozen ₹7,34,768 and seized 72 mobile phones, 182 debit cards, 2 laptops, 133 SIM cards of various companies and 127 bank passbooks from the gang.

The gang was caught following a complaint by a resident of T. Dasarahalli in CEN police station, North Division. The complainant had said that the an unknown person had messaged them on WhatsApp promising an online job and later sent various links and made him join a Telegram group. After that, he was given tasks to review various luxury hotels and pay ₹150 - 200 to submit those review reports. The unknown person would then transfer ₹400 - 500 to the account of the complainant. This continued for several days and the unknown person had transferred more money and earned the trust of the complainant.

Crypto currency

The complainant was then misled and told that investment in crypto currency would bring him more profits and between June 20 and July 1, an amount worth ₹25,37,815 was transferred to the unknown person's account. Eventually, the complainant demanded that they wanted their money back and the unknown person allegedly refused to send it. This was when the complainant realised that something was wrong and filed a complaint. The police who then took up the investigation arrested seven of the 10 people involved in the racket on September 13 in R.T. Nagar and recovered 99 debit cards, 50 bank passbooks, 41 SIM cards, 1 laptop and 23 mobile phones along with cash. The accused then told the police that the remaining three members had gone to China to meet with other cyber fraudsters there and would return to Bengaluru on September 15. The trio were arrested by airport police on the day and were handed over to the investigating officers.

The police also raided the paying guest accomodations of the accused and recovered debit cards, SIM cards and phones. They also checked the ATMs where five accused members had committed fraud. All the 10 accused were presented before the court on September 20 that directed them to judicial custody. The account numbers used by the accused in this case had figured in 122 such cases across the country.

'Over 200 start-ups have emerged from tier II cities'

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Over 200 start-ups and young leaders have emerged from tier II cities like Mysuru, Mangaluru, Tumkuru, Belagavi, Shivamogga, and Kalaburagi, said Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, CEO Karnataka Digital Economy Mission.

Speaking at The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) Leadership Summit 2024 here on Thursday, he said, there was a need for an effective mechanism to bring these leaders into overall leadership ecosystem, he said.

"I urge you to look at ethical ways of embracing technology, cross disciplinary leadership and focus on human centric technology in AgriTech, FinTech, MedTech and EdTech," Mr. Gupta said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that my client have negotiated and intend to buy immovable agriculture property bearing Sy No 115/2 measuring 3 Acre 19 Guntas situated at Shettarhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural from its owner **Sri Murali Thanangappa Nair**. Sri Murali Thanangappa Nair has represented that Registered Sale Deed bearing Document No DNH-1-00664-2012-13 and stored in CD No DNHD266 dated 08.05.2012 in the Office of Sub-Registrar Devanahalli through which he has acquired the title over the schedule property from R L Ramanarayan and also the registered sale deed document No DNHD-1-09478/2006-07 and stored in CD No DNHD124 dated 16/03/2007 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Dodda Beerappa in favour of R L Ramanarayan has been stolen along with other documents. A FIR in Crime No 151/2014 dated 09.07.2014 before the Yellapura Police Station was registered however the aforesaid original registered sale deeds were not included in the list of stolen items. As a precaution, Sri Murali Thanangappa Nair has lodged information and he has been issued with GSC No PO1679240600605 dated 14/9/2024 by the Yellapura Police Station. As my client intend to purchase immovable agriculture property bearing Sy No 115/2 measuring 3 Acre 19 Guntas situated at Shettarhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural, notice is hereby given to general public that if the aforesaid sale deeds are found we would request to hand over the document to the following said address.

Dated this 27th day of September 2024.

SANTOSH S NAGARLE, Advocate
4708, 7th Floor, High Point - IV, Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001
Ph. No.: 9845594939

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **I, Smt. Vimala Mohan,** No. 298, 11th Cross, 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078, have lost the **original Sale Deed** dated **22.11.1979** registered as **document bearing No.3923/79-80, Book-1, Volume - 1435, Pages 41-44 in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore in. No. 298, 11th Cross, 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078** and have lodged a police complaint in this regard on **25/09/2024.** Finders may kindly deliver the same to my above mentioned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the. No. 298, 11th Cross, 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078 old PID no 57-42-298 and New PID No 179-w0100-48 bounded on the: East by : Site No 299; West by : Site No 297; North by : Site No 247; South by : 11th Cross Road.

ADDRESS:
V. Sanjay Krishna, Partner
TRIALBASE®
ADVOCATES
No. 1/1, Ground Floor, West Wing,
Unity Buildings Annex,
P. Kalinga Rao Road, (Mission Road)
Bengaluru – 560 027. sanjay@trialbase.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my clients are intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement to develop the schedule property into a multistoried residential apartment. The Owner Mr.Mohammed Jaffer, S/o Mr.Mushtaq Ahmed have represent and warrant that he is the absolute owner of the property and that there is no dispute to his ownership to the schedule property if anybody has any manner of right title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the schedule property they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing along with the photocopies of documents supporting their objections, with the undersigned within 8 days from the date of publication of this notice objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL that piece and parcel of residential Site No's.50 & 51, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority known and situated at Green Orchards Layout, Byrasandra Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.153, Measuring East to West 16.45 + 16.00 / 2 Meters, and North to South 24.00 Meters, Totally 388.80 Sq. meter's . BBMP PID No.62-192-50 & 51. And bounded by : East by Road, West by Private Property, North by BDA Site No.49, and South by BDA Site No.52,

ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
AKHIL AHMED .P, Advocate
No.3, BTM 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560029 | Mb: 9880354972

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer / Construction-II, North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15:00 hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No. EL/C/JP/PSSA/T04/24. Name of work**: Project Supervision Services Agency(PSSA) for Works of Railways Electrification work (OHE+PSI) of 2X25 kV OHE Traction System for proposed Doubling, New line, work , Modification OHE and PSI work in existing yards/open route, Electrical General service work of power supply arrangement for station building, PF, Qtrs., FOB, Approach road, PF Shelter, Circulating area, coach care complex, lighting of circulating area, yard lighting, air conditioning of Admin building, lighting arrangement for pits/stabling lines/ sheds & modification of LT/HT power lines etc. in c/w various projects i.e. RE-KTWS DL & RE-SDLP By Pass New Line , KTWS-NNL DL, SWM BY Pass NL & KWP Phase-II Coach care complex, Vande Bharat Depot , MHU-BWK DL and BNW-DBHL of Jaipur/ Jodhpur/Bikaner Division of North Western Railway under Dy.CEE/C-II/JP unit and Dy.CEE/C/JU unit of Electrical (Construction)NWR". **Approximate cost of the Work**: Rs. 8,70,42,285/-. **Earnest Money to be deposited**: Rs. 5,85,200/-. **Date & Time of closing E-Tender** : 18.10.2024 Upto 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender** : 18.10.2024 at 15:30 Hrs. **The details of above E-Tender are available on Website: www.ireps.gov.in**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE NO.09-CWM-UBLS-2024-25 Dated 23.09.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Approx. Value
Overhauling of Transmission system, Wheel & Axle Drive Gear Box Assembly, pneumatic system, DG Set and hydraulic lifting platform and other works in DHTC 04 wheeler tower wagons (TW0060 & TW0061) and DHTC 08 wheeler tower wagon (RVNL001) DHTC Model)"	Rs. 1,81,19,656.70/-

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 08.10.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Assistant Workshop Manager
Carriage Repair Workshop Hubballi
PUB/471/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL MEN that, my client, **Smt. K.H.Padma**, w/o late Chikkanna, aged about 74 years, intend to purchase the property which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder from **Mr. Noor Mohamad Sharif** s/o late K.S. Sheikh Shahabuddin, aged about 91 years, r/at No.4-6-588/1, Behind Akshaya Apartment, Kudmal Rangarao Road, Bunts Hostel, Mangalore-575001.

The Owner has represented to our Client that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same; and the owner has further represented that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, mortgages, charges, lien, litigation and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, pending litigation, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned Counsel, in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that the aforesaid Owner has a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property; and our client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Property, i.e. BDA Site No. 2080, 1st Block, Sir M. Visweshwaraiah Layout (in Sy.No.30/3 of Ramasandra Village), Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 12.00 meters and North to South: 18.00 meters, totally measuring 216 square meters and is bounded on:
On or towards East by : Site No.2081; On or towards West by : Site No.2079, On or towards North by : Road; & On or towards South by : Site No.2109

G.R. Gangadhara, Advocate
431, 2nd Floor, Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009. Mob: +91 9740296679
Email:grgangadhara@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru Date: 26.09.2024

भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
विकास आयुक्त कार्यालय/OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER
कोचीन विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र/ COCHIN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE
काक्कनाड, कोच्चिन/ KAKKANAD, COCHIN -682037
दूर भाषा/ PHONE: 0484- 2413234, 2413111

Office of the Development Commissioner, CSEZ, Cochin invites applications for filling up following posts on deputation basis:

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Pay Scale	No. of Vacant Post
1	Assistant Development Commissioner, Cochin SEZ, Cochin	Pay Level - 7 (Group 'B'-Gazetted)	1 Post
2	Section Officer (Accounts), Cochin SEZ, Cochin	Pay Level - 6 (Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted)	1 Post
3	Assistant Development Commissioner in the Pvt. SEZs located in Kerala and, Karnataka (Deputation on cost recovery basis)	Pay Level - 7 (Group 'B'-Gazetted)	15 Posts (6 posts – Kerala 9 posts - Karnataka)

For Application format and further details, please visit the website of this office : www.csez.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client shave agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner, **M/s.HILLTOP STONE PRIVATE LIMITED,** having its office at No.1/18,1/19, ¼-1 & ¼-3, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore–560 030

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of industrial plot bearing Municipal No.V-27, PID No.V-27, measuring East to West 44.00 Mtrs., and North to South (26.00 Mtrs + 42.00 Mtrs)/2, in all measuring 1496 Sq.Mtrs., together with an industrial building thereon comprised of ground plus three upper floors, situated at Industrial Estate, 7th Main Road, Peenya II Stage, within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 41 (Peenya Industrial Area Ward) and bounded on:

East by : 7th Main Road,
West by : 8th Main Road,
North by : KSSIDC Land/Nala,
South by: Shed No.A-321.

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

Directorate of Khadi Raw Materials
KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Govt.of India
Gramodaya, 3, Irla Road, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai – 400056
Tel.: 022-691 68917, E-mail: krm.kvic@gov.in, Website: www.kvic.org.in

E-Tender invited for purchase of New Textile Machinery

KVIC, Mumbai, invites e-Tender under Two-Bid System from Reputed manufacturer, companies for purchase of State of the Art Textile Machineries for refurbishment of 3 Central Sliver Plants which are located in Sehore (M.P.), Raibareli (U.P.) and Hajipur (Bihar). Detailed Tender documents can be downloaded from the KVIC's Website: **www.kvic.org.in** and GeM Portal.

The bidders may visit GeM Portal Bid No. GEM/ 2024/B/5380199 dated 10-9-2024 for applying to participate in the bidding process through online.

Tender Publishing Date	10-09-2024
Tender Closing Date and Time	03-10-2024 at 15:00 Hrs
Technical bid Opening Date and Time	03-10-2024 at 15:30 Hrs
Financial bid opening Date & Time	05-10-2024

KVIC reserves the right to reject all applications without assigning any reason thereof.

Dy. CEO I/c (Khadi/KRM)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

RECRUITMENT AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA ON SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

(Employment Notice No.: SWR/P-HQ/Cultural/24-25, dated 28.09.2024)

South Western Railway invites applications in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for 02 posts in Group 'C' to be recruited in Level-2 of Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016, against Cultural Quota for the year 2024-25 in the following disciplines:

Sl.No.	Discipline	Number of Posts
1	Classical Hindustani Vocal (Male)	01 (One only)
2	Classical Bharatanatyam (Female)	01 (One only)

AGE: 18 to 30 years for posts in Level-2 of Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016 as on 01.01.2025 with usual relaxation as applicable to SC/ST/OBC candidates.

Note: Age relaxation to SC/ST/OBC candidates, serving railway employees, staff of Quasi-administrative offices, widows/divorcee women/women judiciary separated but not remarried, PWDs, Ex-Servicemen and ordinarily domicile persons in the state of Jammu & Kashmir as per extant rules is available in the detailed notification.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION:

(a) **For Classical Hindustani Vocal (Male):** Possession of Degree/Diploma/Certificate in Music (Classical Hindustani Vocal) from Government recognized institute.

(b) **For Classical Bharatanatyam (Female):** Possession of Degree/Diploma/Certificate in Dance (Classical Bharatanatyam) from Government recognized institute.

DESIRABLE:

(i) Experience in the field and performance given on AIR / Doordarshan, etc.

(ii) Prizes won at National Level.

MINIMUM PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Sl. No.	Posts	Minimum Educational Qualification
01	Level-2 of Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016	Passed 12th (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate (50% marks in the aggregate will be required for NTPC categories. 50% marks are not required for SC/ST/Ex-servicemen candidates and candidates possessing higher qualification like Graduation / Post Graduation). **OR** Passed Matriculation Plus Course Completed Act Apprenticeship / ITI approved by NCVT / SCVT for the posts in Technical Categories.

For detailed Notification and application form, visit website: **www.rrchubli.in** & **www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in**

Date of Issue: 28.09.2024

Date & Time of Closing: 17.45 hours of 28.10.2024

(Closing date for candidates from far flung areas i.e., candidates residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spriti districts and Pangi sub-division of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman, Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands and the candidates residing abroad will be 17:45 hours of 13.11.2024).

Assistant Personnel Officer/HQ
For Principal Chief Personnel Officer

PUB/419/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट

अल्पकालीन ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना
(2nd Call)

अल्पकालीन ई0 –निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या जल संसाधन विभाग/तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट/आई0 एफ0 बी0/एस0 बी0 डी0 **& 10**/2024–25 दिनांक 27.09.2024

1	कार्य का नाम	Rooting out and removal of vegetation on Upstream slope & Downstream slope of Tenughat Dam . (for 3 years), Rearranging disturbed Rip Rap and depressed patches., Closing Down the gap in U/S parapet wall and providing continuous parapet wall and removal of different components. , Clearing (Total length :26.83 km) and Repair (Total length :7.56km) of longitudinal, transverse and toe drains., Clearing of approach Channel of TBLC and Removal of coffer Dam at upstream approach channel of TBLC., Filling good quality compact earth , benching and Turfing in D/S slope of Tenughat Dam., Whitewashing of parapet wall and painting of Railing
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	रूपये– 8,88,37,728.00 (रुपये –आठ करोड़ अठासी लाख सैंतीस हजार सात सौ अठाईस) मात्र।
3	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	रूपये–10,000.00 (रुपये – दस हजार)मात्र।
4	अग्रधन की राशि	रूपये– 8,89,000.00 (रुपये–आठ लाख नवासी हजार) मात्र।
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	545 (पाँच सौ पैंतालिस) दिन।
6	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	07.10.2024 को 11:00 AM बजे
7	निविदा समर्पित करने की अंतिम तिथि	14.10.2024 को 05:00 PM बजे
8	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	16.10.2024 को 03:00 PM बजे
9	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, तेनुघाटबाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट
10	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट पदाधिकारी का मोबाईल नम्बर	8789848809
11	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का दूरभाष संख्या	06546-267462

नोट :–
1. केवल ई–निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे।
2. प्राक्कलित राशि परिवर्तित हो सकती है।
3. किसी भी विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.inपर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
PR 337409 Water Resource(24-25)#D तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the land owners herein mentioned have represented that they are the owners of schedule property to the extent more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the Notice of the general public that my client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule property from the above said land owners. All person/ persons claiming or having any claim against or to the schedule property or any part thereof by way of inheritance. Mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, agreement to sell, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication hereof failing which my client shall proceed to register the sale deeds without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

Sl. No.	Village	Name of Land Owners	Sy. No.	Extent
1	AGALAGURKI Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk District	T. Logambal, P N Saravanna K Usha P N Murugan	86/3	0 A 36 G
2			86/5	1 A 28 G
3		M/s MICRO LABS	85	1 A 11 Gu
4			86/4	0 A 37 G
5			87/1	2 A 34 G
6		Shashidhar Reddy	214/1	1 A 04 G
7		Vishnuvardhana Reddy	214/2	0 A 34 G
8		A Shanthamma Rep by their GPA Holder M/s Holton Homes	86/9	0 A 10 G
9	AGALAGURKI	A Anjali Rep by their GPA Holder M/s Holton Homes	86/10	0 A 10 G
10		A Amrutha Rep by their GPA Holder M/s Holton Homes	86/11	0 A 10 G
11	CHOKKAHALLI Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk District	M/s Holton Homes	14/1	1 Ac 15 G
12		Mr Krishnappa	26/4	0 A 19 G
13		Sri Amaranarayanswamy And H Ramanjanappa	33	1 A 24 G
14		P Anand Rep by his GPA Holder H N Manjunath	25/4	1 A 37 G
15		Sri A Gangadhar Rep by his GPA Holder H G Vijaykumar	27/5	0 A 27 G
16		A N Gopal Rep by his GPA Holder H G Vijaykumar	32/10	0A16.08 G
17			32/11	0 A 6 G
18		V Gangadhar Rep by his GPA Holder H G Vijaykumar	70/1	0 A 26 G
19		K M Renuka Prasad Rep by his GPA Holder H G Vijaykumar	70/2	0 A 30 G

Dated this 27th day of September 2024.

SANTOSH S NAGARLE, Advocate
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Ph. No.: 9845594939

‘They see Moeen Ali bowling off-spin and Adil Rashid bowling leg-spin, and want to do it’

Adil Rashid — the first England spinner to claim 200 ODI wickets — speaks about feeling like a role model for the next generation of tweakers, the future of English spin bowling, the best captain he has played under, his World Cup success and bowling to Virat Kohli 18 years ago

INTERVIEW

Adil Rashid

P.K. Ajith Kumar

GETTY IMAGES

Virat Kohli has an expressive face. Bewilderment is something you rarely find on that face while he bats. But in the third ODI at Leeds during India’s tour of England in 2018, Adil Rashid managed to evoke such a reaction with a ball that reminded many of Shane Warne’s ball of the century to Mike Gatting. Rashid’s leg-break drifted towards the master batter and turned sharply to disturb the off stump. It may not have been quite as spectacular as the late Aussie magician’s immortal ball, but it was against Kohli.

Last week, on the same ground, Leeds, his home ground, Rashid reached a significant milestone. He became the first England spinner to take 200 ODI wickets, during the second game of the five-match series against Australia. The 36-year-old spoke to *The Hindu* over the phone from Leeds. Excerpts:

We are seeing a lot of young spinners coming into the England team. Two of them, Tom Hartley and Shoaib Bashir, made their Test debut on the tour of India early this year, Rehan Ahmed made his in Pakistan before that.

I am happy to find so many of them coming through. And there are a few more apart from the ones you have mentioned. You know you have to find people to replace the other people – the batsmen, the seamers, the spinners. You have got to find the next.

So hopefully when my time is up or when I finish or whatever the circumstance is, the spinners are ready to jump in and do what I have done in the previous years. That’s the ultimate aim. And at this moment in time, there are a lot of spinners coming through – through Lions and the County system. So the future is looking bright for spin bowling.

Well, it wasn’t so when you took up leg-spin. What made you take it up when the style was not very fashionable in England?

My father got me into leg-spin from a young age, when I was six or seven. He just threw me the ball – this is how you bowl leg-spin. He told me about what he knew of cricket. He didn’t play professionally, but he just liked his cricket. And he taught me the basics of leg-spin.

And then as time goes on, you find you are ok, and then you start meeting coaches. You start improving and start playing. And that was how things unfolded. It was just purely from my dad getting me into it from a young age and me enjoying it and just letting things flow.

England has had quite a few spinners of Asian origin. Monty Panesar, Moeen Ali, Bashir, Rehan. Is it a coincidence, or are those from Asia better at turning the ball?

> Maybe if I played more Tests, I might not have played more ODIs and T20Is, so it works hand in hand. I am quite fortunate with how things have fallen into place

They saw myself and Moeen as role models when they were growing up. That is just a default thing – they see Moeen Ali bowling off-spin and Adil Rashid bowling leg-spin, and they want to do it. Sometimes I feel like I am a role model. They want to copy me and certain aspects of my life. But now there are definitely spinners coming from different backgrounds, religions.

You have been a part of two World Cup-winning England teams.

On top of the list of my career highlights would be England winning an ODI trophy [in 2019] for the first time and obviously the T20 World Cup in 2022. Winning a World Cup is ultimately what you want to do in terms of international cricket. It is the highest achievement in football or any other sport. And for myself, fortunately, I have been playing and doing enough to win two.

There was a period of two or three years when we were working towards winning that [2019] World Cup. Going into the World Cup we didn’t have everything going our way; there was a period where we had to win all four or five games to win the World Cup. So every game we played was like a final. We beat the best teams out there and did really well.

That England team was a remarkable one: fabulous batting line-up, plenty of all-rounders, a potent, varied attack and a marvellous captain in Eoin Morgan. Was that the best team you have been part of?

Personally, I think from 2015 to the 2019 World Cup win, that period of four or five years has been the best squad ever in the history of England cricket. I enjoyed being part of that because we had a new method. We had a different mindset. We were trying to make a different brand of cricket. That is where we started the whole brand of positivity and fearlessness and aggressiveness. Things just started to unfold. It was well led by Morgan.

Is Morgan the best captain you have played under?

Definitely, without a doubt. It was how he handled things and what his mindset was, and how he rubbed off on people. He was the best in terms of his vision, how he handled individuals, his body language and the confidence he gave his team, his players. And also on top of all that there was his leadership. He was a leader, he was very humble but he was very well respected as well. He was the ultimate package as a captain. He is also a very good friend of mine.

Do you regret that you could play only 19 Tests?

Not really. When I started playing cricket, I didn’t actually think I would play 19 Tests. So for me that is a good achievement. My T20 and ODI stuff went on the rise. So it was a fortunate thing. Maybe if I played more Tests, I might not have played more ODIs and T20Is, so it works hand in hand. I am quite fortunate with how things have fallen into place.

You became an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) last year. How much did that recognition matter to you?

That is obviously a big title to have here in England. You know, you get recognised by the King, you get recognised by the people for your outstanding achievements, not just in cricket but what you do off the pitch as well, in terms of the work you do, maybe helping communities and individuals in life. It means a lot to my family, too. Especially for a boy who has come from a place where he had very little resources and facilities and to then become what I am today.

You bowled Virat Kohli in the first Youth (Under-19) Test at Canterbury in 2006, after he made 123.

I remember bowling a lot to him. We became good friends. Back then, we thought he would become a world-class player, but probably not to the extent he has become. I definitely thought this guy had something special in him and that he would go a long, long way. Today, he is one of the best batsmen ever in the history of cricket, across formats.

(*This interview was facilitated by Sony Sports Network, which is broadcasting the ongoing England-Australia ODI series*)

GAME THEORY

Best Major seasons in the Open Era: Women

After exploring who the best male players at each Grand Slam were, last week, we take a look this edition at the most successful Major seasons for female players in the Open Era. The Open Era began in 1968, when the Majors allowed professionals to compete with amateurs.

Margaret Court

Steffi Graf

Serena Williams

Martina Navratilova

Four titles in a year (Calendar Year Grand Slam)		
Instances	Player	Year
1	Margaret Court	1970
1	Steffi Graf	1988

Three (and three-plus) titles in a year		
Instances	Player	Year(s)
5	Steffi Graf	1988–89, 93, 95–96
3	Margaret Court	1969–70, 73
2	Martina Navratilova	1983–84
2	Monica Seles	1991–92
2	Serena Williams	2002, 15
1	Billie Jean King	1972
1	Martina Hingis	1997

Two (and two-plus) titles in a year		
Instances	Player	Year(s)
7	Serena Williams	2002–03, 09–10, 12–13, 15
6	Martina Navratilova	1982–87
5	Chris Evert	1974–76, 80, 82
5	Steffi Graf	1988–89, 93, 95–96
3	Margaret Court	1969–70, 73
2	Monica Seles	1991–92
2	Venus Williams	2000–01
2	Justine Henin	2003, 07
1	Evonne Goolagong Cawley	1971
1	Billie Jean King	1972
1	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	1994
1	Martina Hingis	1997
1	Jennifer Capriati	2001
1	Amelie Mauresmo	2006
1	Angelique Kerber	2016
1	Iga Swiatek	2022
1	Aryna Sabalenka	2024

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Reset, recharge

With the rest day making a sudden reappearance in Test cricket — the opening fixture between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Galle took a break last Saturday because of Sri Lanka’s presidential election — it’s a good time to revisit that relic of the classical format.

Rest days were common last century, with Tests pausing to let the players relax after their early exertions and recover for the remainder of the contest.

This break, often scheduled between the third and fourth day of play, opened up all sorts of possibilities.

For instance, Dennis Lillee and Ian Botham, two of the game’s greatest, took the opportunity during the 1982 Ashes Test in Adelaide to decompress in a swimming pool at a winery.

Others have been known to vegetate in their hotel rooms, explore the city, read a book, take in a movie, and — rather surprisingly, given how fanciful some ex-cricketer accounts are — even strategise about the remaining days of play.

Before Galle, Test cricket saw a rest day during the 2008 Bangladesh-Sri Lanka fixture in Dhaka for much the same reason: an election.

Dog-bite cases more this year than in 2023

In 2022, the State declared human rabies a notifiable disease under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020

Officials said an average of 28,000 dog-bite cases are being reported in the State every month, of which a majority are from Bengaluru Urban and BBMP areas at 23,798. FILE PHOTO

WORLD RABIES' DAY

Afshan Yasmeen
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Dog-bites are on the rise in Karnataka with the number of cases this year so far have already crossed last year's total. While 2,73,037 cases have been reported this year till date, as many as 2,32,754 were reported in the whole of 2023.

In fact, the rise has been the highest this year the post-pandemic. In 2022, as many as 1,63,366 dog bite cases were reported. While the State has recorded three rabies (dog-bite) deaths this year so far, four deaths were recorded in the whole of 2023 and three in 2022.

According to data from the State Health Department's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), over 55,000 dog-bite cases have been reported since August. In September alone (till September 27), over 25,000 dog-bite cases have been reported. Officials said an average of 28,000 cases are being reported in the State every month of which a majority are from Bengaluru Urban and BBMP areas (23,798) followed by Vijayapura (17,514), Mysuru (15,866), Belagavi (14,195), Mandya (13,992) and Shivamogga (13,875).

The least number of cases have been reported in Yadgir (1,326), Kalaburagi (2,134) Chamarajanagar (2,484), Raichur (2,911) and Dharwad (3,230). September 28 is observed as World Rabies Day and the theme for this year is 'Breaking rabies boundaries'.

Notifiable disease

In 2022, Karnataka declared human rabies – a fatal viral disease that spreads through the bite of rabid animals (mainly dogs) – a notifiable disease under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.

Following this, it became mandatory for all government and private health facilities (including medical colleges) to report all suspected, probable, and confirmed human rabies cases to the State Health Department.

State IDSP Project Director Ansar Ahmed told *The Hindu* that the elimination of dog-bite mediated rabies by 2030 is the State's mission under the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP). "Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) have been made a part of the annual indent supply by Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. (KSMSCL), and sufficient stock is being maintained in all government hospitals up to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) level," he said.

"From October last year, the Health Department is providing free ARV and RIG injection to all animal bite victims, irrespective of their BPL or APL status," said the doctor, who previously headed the State-run Epidemic Diseases Hospital.

Stating that prevention, control, and elimination of rabies from a geographical area can only be achieved through strong surveillance and disease-portal reporting systems, Dr. Ahmed said, "Human rabies is declared as a notifiable disease to facilitate contact-tracing and prompt prophylactic measures to prevent infection in other people exposed to the same source. We are working in coordination with other departments to conduct annual mass dog vaccination campaigns (MDVs) in targeted areas to achieve a minimum dog population vaccination rate of 70%, check dog bites and prevent deaths."

Rabies burden in India

M.K. Sudarshan, founder president and mentor of Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI), said the number of human rabies cases and deaths are grossly under-reported in the country.

Quoting a recent national multicenter rabies survey done by ICMR's National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, Dr. Sudarshan said this survey had estimated that there were 5,726 human rabies deaths and 9.1 million dog bites annually in the country.

Steps to follow if a rabid dog bites

- Soon after a rabid animal bites, one must get first aid
- Flush all the wounds with water to remove the saliva (rabies virus)
- Use soap to wash the wounds, as soap neutralises the virus
- Apply any household antiseptic available to neutralise the virus
- Seek urgent medical help for rabies immunisation
- A course of rabies vaccination usually involves 3 to 5 shots. These are given either intramuscularly or intradermally in the shoulder in adults and on the side of the thigh in infants
- The schedule of vaccination is days 0, 3, 7, 14 and 28 (in case of IM) and days 0, 3, 7 and 28 (in case of ID)
- Day 0 is the day/date of administration of the first dose of vaccine
- In case of even minor bleeding, in addition to vaccines, rabies immunoglobulin is injected into the wounds

Kidwai sees first paediatric BMT for thalassemia

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In another milestone, the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology successfully completed its first paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) for thalassemia.

The patient, a seven-year-old, the son of a farmer from Kalaburagi, was diagnosed with Beta Thalassemia Major. He has been on monthly blood transfusions since he was six months old.

Thalassemia Major is a severe, inherited blood disorder that causes low levels of hemoglobin. While red blood cell production is less, the destruction of cells is high. BMT in older children and adults with thalassemia is a very complex procedure as chances of rejection are high.

Fortunately the boy's older sister was a complete genetic (12/12) HLA match. Pediatric Hematologist and BMT physician Vasundhara Kailasnath said the boy was a high-risk case (Pesaro class 3). He had liver enlargement due to iron overload. "To ensure a successful BMT, we had to give him two cycles of immunosuppressive chemotherapy followed by intravenous iron chelation for 45- 50 days," she said.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil visiting the seven-year-old patient, at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru, on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Stating that it took over 40 days for the paediatric matched sibling donor allogeneic BMT process to be completed, the doctor said the boy was put on a high dose of chemotherapy in addition to immunotherapy. "The stem cells collected from his donor sister were transplanted in the patient the same day. It took 14 days for the cells to grow in his body and by the end of 30 days, a chimerism test showed 100% donor cells in the recipient indicating success," she said.

The patient was discharged after 45 days of the transplant on Friday in the presence of Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil. The Minister, who commended the team of doctors for their achievement in performing the transplant, emphasised the need for making BMT services more accessible and affordable for economically weaker sections of society.

Kidwai administrator Naveen Bhat Y. said the cost of an autologous BMT ranges from ₹7 lakh to ₹15 lakh in private hospitals and allogeneic BMTs are even more expensive. While the transplant cost around ₹10 lakh at Kidwai, it was completely covered under SCP/TSP scheme for the boy, he said.

Two-day music festival

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Bangalore Kidney Foundation will host the 19th 'Dhwani', its Hindustani music festival, in memory of classical singer Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur, this weekend at the Bangalore Gayana Samaja on K.R. Road.

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HC order on UGC norms for appointment poses problem for many govt. degree college guest teachers

To become a permanent member of the faculty or be a guest faculty of a degree college, candidates should have cleared either K-SET or NET, or hold a PhD degree

There are 430 government grade colleges in Karnataka and a total of 10,600 guest faculty have been recruited by the Collegiate Education Department for 2023-24. They have been allowed to work till January 13, 2025. Of these, a total of 5,890 have only a master's degree. FILE PHOTO

Jayanth R.
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The process of selecting guest lecturers for the academic year of 2024-25 has become complicated in the wake of the Karnataka High Court order that only those who have the qualifications specified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) should be appointed as guest faculty for Government First Grade Colleges in the State.

The Collegiate Education Department has temporarily halted the recruitment process of guest faculty owing to the court order. Clearing the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET), or the National Eligibility Test (NET), or having a PhD is now a must to become a permanent or guest faculty of a degree college, as per UGC norms. But guest faculty who have been working in the government first grade colleges for the last two or three decades with just a Master's degree have run into trouble.

Applications were invited by the Collegiate Education Department on August 30 for the appointment of guest faculty against the vacant posts of lecturers in government first grade colleges for the year 2024-25. According to the rules, the candidates who were working as guest faculty in the year 2023-24 were allowed to continue in the same college if they wanted.

In addition, the remuneration for newly-appointed guest faculty with UGC prescribed qualification, including Master's degree is ₹35,000 to ₹40,000 based on seniority, and for guest faculty without UGC prescribed qualification ₹31,000 to ₹36,000 based on seniority.

Some aspirants, who have the qualification prescribed by the UGC, filed a case in the High Court against the appointment of guest lecturers who do not have the qualifications.

The High Court recently issued an order making the qualification prescribed by the UGC mandatory for the post of guest faculty in government first grade colleges. There are 430 government grade colleges in Karnataka and a total of 10,600 guest faculty have been recruited by the Collegiate Education Department for 2023-24. They have been allowed to work till January 13, 2025. Of these, a total of 5,890 have only a Master's degree.

"Being a post-graduate degree holder, I have been serving as a guest faculty in a government first grade college at Chickballapur district for the past 15 years. 70% of the guest faculty working across the State do not have the qualification prescribed by UGC. A few years ago, the Higher Education Department had made UGC norms mandatory for the appointment of guest faculty. However, we requested the government not to apply the UGC norms to us as we were receiving very little remuneration and were teaching only eight hours a week. The government agreed to our request. However, now the order of the High Court has put a strain on our job. Apart from this, we do not know any other profession. As I am already 50 years old, the chances of getting a job elsewhere are also less," said a guest faculty.

Appeal likely

Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar said, "Earlier, the government had allowed the continuation of guest faculty who did not have the qualification prescribed by UGC till 2025. However, before that, the order of the High Court has come, in which more than 5,000 guest faculty will suffer. Therefore, we are thinking about other ways, including taking a legal opinion and filing an appeal in the High Court."

KEA second round seat allotment: 1,006 surrender seats

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In the second round of seat allotment conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) for admission to professional courses, including medical and engineering, 1,006 candidates who had secured seats surrendered them.

These seats will be considered for allotment in the third or extended second round, according to KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna, who made the announcement on Friday.

Among the surrendered seats, 153 candidates returned medical seats, including seven seats from government colleges. Of these, 112 seats were from the private quota, 33 from the management quota, and one seat from the NRI quota.

In dental courses, 269 seats were returned, including 105 from the government quota. In Ayurveda, 363 seats were surrendered, with 184 from the government quota.s

For homeopathy courses, 76 seats were surrendered, including 44 from the government quota, and for Unani courses, 20 seats were returned, including 14 from the government quota.

In engineering, 59 seats were surrendered, while in nursing, 56 seats were given up (37 from government quota and 19 from private).

693 students receive degrees at first convocation of St. Joseph's varsity

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The first annual convocation of St. Joseph's University was held on Friday, wherein 23 gold medals and 23 silver medals were given away, while a total of 693 students were conferred with degrees.

In his convocational address, Thimmappa Hegde, Director and Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at Narayana Institute of Neurosciences, said with emerging technologies, there is a need to produce skilled graduates. "The world is rapidly developing in terms of industry and technology. Therefore, we need to be industry ready now," he said. He said, "A university education prepares you for a difficult world. But, don't break down. If you do break down, discover how you can break through every breakdown."

The gathering at the first convocation of St. Joseph's University, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, said, "The State government has launched four new apprenticeship programmes to make commerce graduates more employable like, B.Com in Logistics, B.Com in E-Commerce, B.Com in Retail and BCom in BFSI (Banking, Financing, Service, Insurance). The highest number of students (1,400) have enrolled in this programme in about 45 colleges across the state."

Fr. Dionysius Vaz, Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, Victor Lobo, Vice Chancellor of the University, and others were present.

SSLC midterm exam: KSEAB to send question paper by 6 a.m.

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The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has decided to send the question papers of the ongoing mid-term examination (Summative Assessment-1) for SSLC students a few hours before the exams instead of a day early.

The decision was taken following complaints from teachers about paper leaks on various social media platforms and YouTube channels hours before the exams. The KSEAB has issued a circular stating that the question papers will be released only by 6 a.m. every day.

The board, which decided to provide question papers for SSLC students even for mid-term exams, has been sending question papers to Block Education Officers (BEOs) who were assigned to circulate the same to all schools in their jurisdiction. Now, the board has said that it will send the question papers at 6 a.m. to the school login and the headteacher of the school has to take a print out and distribute it to students for the exam.

KSEAB has instructed that there should not be room for malpractice. "Everyone should maintain the sanctity of the examination and ensure no malpractice. If anyone is found indulging in malpractice, which includes photocopying, photographing the paper and sharing it on social media platforms, etc. they will face action as per the rules," warned the board.

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City police recover ₹69 lakh, 306 grams of gold from GST officials arrested for kidnapping and extortion

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The Organised Crime Division of the police allegedly recovered ₹69 lakh in cash and 306 grams of gold from the four GST officials who were arrested earlier in September for kidnapping and extortion of ₹1.5 crore from businessman Keshav Tak. The police have also arrested two other people - Mukesh Jain and Prakash Jain - in the case.

The four officials - Abhishek, Superintendent of Central Tax, South Commissionerate, Manoj Saini and Nagesh Babu, two senior intelligence officers, GST Intelligence Unit, and intelligence officer Sonali Sahay - had allegedly conducted illegal raids on the businessman and had seized valuables from him. They had also kept four people, including the businessman, as hostages to for a ransom on August 30.

Help from informants

Mukesh was a friend of Keshav's and was also allegedly kept hostage and released at midnight. However, during the investigation, the four officials allegedly revealed that Mukesh and Prakash were their informants and had helped them in the extortion. The two were then arrested on September 19 and 20 in Shantinagar.

One of the accused said that he had purchased a 306 gram gold brick from the money that was extorted. The police continued the investigation and seized cash worth ₹57 lakh based on the information given by the accused tax official and froze ₹12.3 lakh which was deposited in the account by the two people.

On September 23, one accused official and Mukesh and Prakash were produced before the court and were remanded to judicial custody.

Study finds caste-based inequality in medical crowdfunding

The Hindu Bureau
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A study conducted by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) titled 'Caste inequality in medical crowdfunding in India' has found that the medical crowdfunding campaigns initiated by individuals from dominant caste groups tend to garner higher funds when compared with the campaigns initiated by individuals from marginalised caste groups.

The study also found that persons from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) initiate disproportionately fewer campaigns than those from dominant castes. The paper studied 8,721 campaigns initiated on Ketto, one of India's leading crowdfunding platforms between February 2020 and December 2022.

The study was conducted by Aprit Shah, faculty member at IIMB, and was published in the Journal of Development Studies in August 2024.

To infer the caste identities of those who benefited from the campaigns, the study considered the last names which are usually indicators of caste groups. 'Outkast' open-source package, which utilises data from the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), encompassing 140 million Indian names across 19 states, was employed to deduce the caste identity from the recipients' last names.

While the campaigns initiated by SC and ST groups constituted only 10.2% of all campaigns on Ketto, these campaigns also accumulated only 8.4% of the funds raised

The study says that while last names like 'Sharma' and 'Mehta' are very likely to belong to dominant caste groups (termed as OTHERS in the paper), names like 'Basumatary' and 'Boro' are associated with ST groups and 'Jatav' and 'Valmiki' are associated with SC groups.

The research indicated that during the two-year period, the top 1% of medical campaigns gathered 24% of all the funds raised while the lowest 16% accounted only for 0.02% of funding on the platform. Along with many other factors which could have contributed to the poor performance of most campaigns, the researcher says that caste also influences fundraising outcomes.

While the campaigns initiated by SC and ST groups constituted only 10.2% of all campaigns on Ketto, these campaigns also accumulated only 8.4% of the funds raised. The campaigns initiated by OTHERS group typically raised 30% more funds than the average SC campaigns and 10% more than the average ST campaigns.

"This inequality persists despite considering various textual and visual factors related to the campaign and controlling for the time of the campaign launch and the recipient's State. Our findings also highlight that lower average donations contribute to decreased fundraising for SC and ST groups. Overall, our findings contribute to the literature on inequality in crowdfunding, primarily concentrated on Western countries," the study says.

Limitations of the study

The author also notes that the study has its limitations including the considering just one crowdfunding platform, lacking self-reported caste information and reflecting only the segment of society which has the ability to start online crowdfunding campaigns.

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New AC buses for Mysuru circuit tours for Dasara

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The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) on Friday launched two Air Conditioned (AC) deluxe buses which will be used for the Mysuru circuit tours during Dasara Mahotsava 2024-25, on account of World Tourism Day.

At a meeting on August 12, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had directed the Tourism Department to organise the Mysuru Circuit tours this year for Dasara Mahotsava.

Hence, the two deluxe AC buses were purchased by KSTDC.

Those who would like to book these tours can do so at KSTDC's Yeshwantpur office, Mysuru's transport division office, Kempegowda booking counter, RedBus portal, KSRTC Avatar or through any authorised KSTDC booking agent.

Award ceremony tomorrow

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Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Vinayaka Gokak Vangmaya Trust will jointly present the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award to writer Gururaj Karajagi in the city on Sunday.

The programme will begin at 11 a.m. at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.

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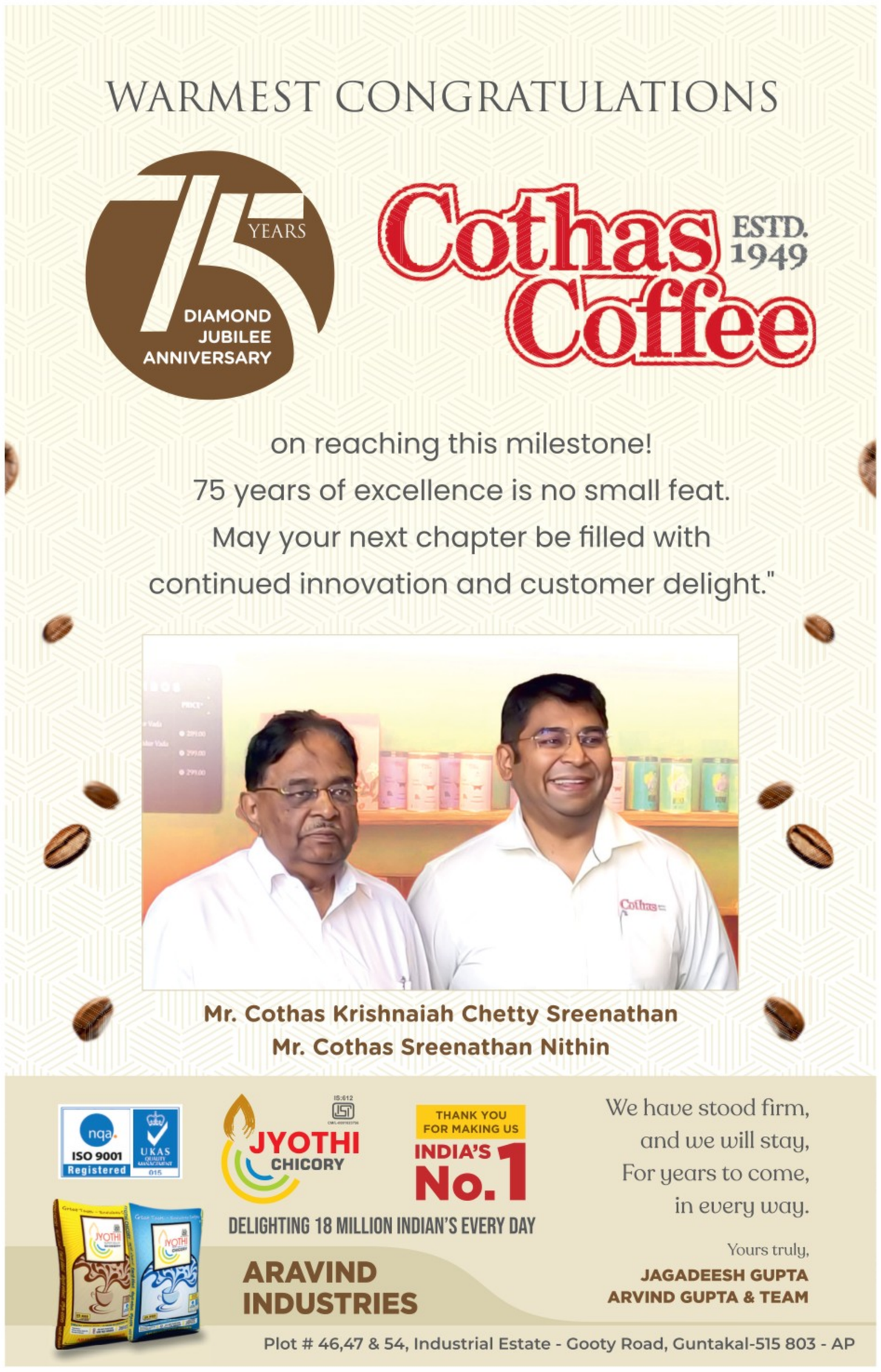
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Make in India (Aatmanirbharta) Decade Propels HAL's Growth

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The Make in India (Aatmanirbharta) initiative, launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, is designed to transform India into a global manufacturing hub. The defence sector, a key pillar in this initiative has witnessed significant changes in the past decade and catalyzed a shift in approach, especially in the case of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

HAL, since its inception in the 1940s, has played a pivotal role in enhancing India's defence capabilities, manufacturing aircraft, helicopters, and other aviation systems crucial to Indian defence forces. HAL over the years has transformed itself from a producer of high-tech assets to a technology company credited with an array of indigenous products such as ALH Dhruv, Rudra and LCA Tejas.

Policy Changes

The Government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment, thereby promoting self-reliance in defence manufacturing & technology in the country. These initiatives, inter-alia, include according priority to procurement of capital items from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 which has led to a reversal of 70:30 import export ratio; announcement of 18 major defence platforms for industry led design & development in March 2022; notification of 'Positive Indigenisation Lists' for the Services and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timelines.

Strategic Autonomy and Security

When HAL started off in 1940 as an MRO for allied forces, very few would have reckoned that HAL would produce the first indigenous supersonic fighter Hindustan Fighter – 24 (Marut) in the early 1960s. However, in the 70s and 80s, the focus of the country shifted towards license manufacturing due to the geopolitical compulsions of that time.

The design of LCA Tejas and ALH Dhruv during the 90s drove the country towards indigenisation. The next real fillip for the development of indigenous capacity and capability came in 2014 by way of Make in India initiative.

The Make in India initiatives have helped HAL in transforming itself from being a Production agency for License / ToT manufacturing into an integrated provider of superior technology solutions through

indigenous design, development and production for fixed and rotary wing platforms. The initiative mandates increasing domestic content in defence projects, and HAL has responded by developing new platforms with greater indigenised content and these include Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40, Light Combat Helicopter Prachand, Light Utility Helicopter, Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv.

Self-Reliance and Indigenous Capability Building

The initiative has significantly boosted India's defence production capabilities. In the fiscal year 2023-24, the defence production value reached approximately ₹1.27 lakh crore, marking a 16.7% growth over the previous year. In the last five years, an increase of 60% has been achieved.

HAL has been a major player in this achievement by contributing 23.7% of the share. The Value of Production of HAL has been steadily growing over the years from Rs 20,590 Crs in FY 2019-20 to Rs 30,118 Crs in FY 2023-24. Now there is a considerable decrease in dependency on foreign OEMs resulting in decreased Turn Around Time and increased serviceability of aircraft/helicopters/systems. The Make in India initiative has led to a spurt in indigenization efforts over the last ten years and has helped HAL in addressing supply chain challenges faced due to the current geo political situation. HAL's indigenisation efforts have witnessed a fourfold increase in annual foreign exchange savings and a multi-fold increase in vendor base.

Increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Technology Transfer

The initiative has opened up the sector to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), with up to 74% allowed through the automatic route and 100% with government approval in specific cases. This has led to joint ventures, partnerships, and technology transfers between Indian companies and global aerospace and defence giants, enabling Indian manufacturers to adopt advanced technologies.

HAL signed an MoU with General Electric, USA in June 2023 for ToT and Manufacturing of GE-414 aero-engine in India for LCA MK2 Aircraft with 80% technology transfer. A 50:50 Joint Venture "SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Pvt. Ltd." was formed with Safran Helicopter Engines, France, in November 2023, for indigenous design and development of engines for Indian Multi Role Helicopter and Deck Based Multi Role Helicopter. This is the first instance where a high performance aero-engine will be jointly developed for an Indian platform with access to core engine technologies. Both the projects will result in acquiring core engine design and manufacturing technologies and transform the Indian Aero engine manufacturing ecosystem.

Boost in Defence Exports

The focus on indigenous manufacturing has also enhanced export opportunities for Indian-made defence and aerospace products. Defence exports have seen a remarkable rise, reaching ₹21,083 crore in 2023-24, which is a 32.5% increase from the last financial year. Over the last decade, defence exports have grown 21 times, indicating India's strengthening position in the global defence market. This growth not only enhances India's economic stature but also strengthens diplomatic ties with importing countries.

HAL exported two Hindustan 228 aircraft to Guyana Defence Forces and set up a new regional marketing office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2023 to promote indigenous platforms in the export market. This Regional Office will serve as a hub for HAL's engagement with other South-East Asian Countries and also act as a window for other Indian Defence PSUs.

Economic Benefits and Growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

The aerospace and defence sector, under Make in India, has fostered the growth of SMEs. With the emergence of the manufacturing ecosystem, HAL's efforts have resulted in industry partners graduating from Tier III to Tier I.

HAL aims to be a lead aerospace integrator, primarily through robust private partnerships. HAL has been supporting the private industries (including MSMEs), with more than 2000 registered sub-contractors by extending technical support and hand-holding. HAL has uploaded around 26,000 imported items in Srijan Portal to invite private vendors for indigenous development. HAL is also utilizing private vendors in the design and development of systems, examples include Multi-Function Display, Solid State Flight Data Recorder to name a few.

Job Creation and Skill Development

Make in India initiative has created numerous job opportunities across the aerospace and defence sector. The demand for skilled labour in the aerospace sector has increased for production and assembly lines to high-end R&D.

HAL has formed an Aerospace and Aviation Sector Skill Council (AASSC) to address the need for the development of a specialized workforce through skill development programs and bridge the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower in areas like design and development, manufacturing, MRO, Airline Operations and Airports.

The Make in India initiatives at HAL have been made possible due to the active support extended by all stakeholders like Indian Defence Services, DRDO, ADA, ADE, RCMA, DGAQA, DGCA, industry partners and MSMEs.

The success of HAL under Make in India has been fuelled by the inflow of orders from the Government and this is a testament to the power of well-executed industrial policy in shaping the nation's defence and economic future.

- By **Dr D K Sunil**
Chairman and Managing Director, HAL

ICFA forms Karnataka Agriculture Council

The 40-member Karnataka Agriculture Council being inaugurated by Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy in Bengaluru.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) has formed a 40-member Karnataka Agriculture Council to serve as a catalyst for ensuring that agriculture remains at the forefront of Karnataka's economic growth.

The Council, which was inaugurated by Karnataka Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy at the Karnataka Agriculture Summit in Bengaluru on Wednesday (September 27, 2024), is the first such committee in a South Indian state formed by the ICFA.

The committee led by K.S. Narayanaswamy, president of the Karnataka Seed Producers and Marketers Association, is formed to drive collaboration, partnerships and creating communication platforms between farmers, policymakers, and industry leaders.

Strengthening Farmer Producer Organisations

One of the main focus areas for the Council is strengthening Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), which faces challenges in accessing market linkages. By establishing a comprehensive market infrastructure that connects progressive farmers with FPOs, the Council aims to enhance market access to them and improve profitability for farmers, according to ICFA chairman Dr. M.J. Khan.

The Council is expected to enable FPOs to leverage Karnataka's agricultural capabilities in both domestic and international markets. The Council also wants to position Karnataka as a leader in agricultural exports besides giving priority for development of key sectors like agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and hybrid seed production, according to Dr. Khan

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy stressed the need for focusing on critical areas like processing and export of millets, pulses, coffee, and spices, besides promoting agricultural startups and digital technologies. He highlighted Bangalore's role as the hub of agri-tech companies, that has provided a synergy essential to drive innovation in agriculture.

IIA researchers find evidence of interaction between radio jet and interstellar gas

'The finding challenges the hypothesis that only massive galaxy jets which regulate star formation host AGN powered by massive black holes'

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Researchers from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have found evidence of an interaction between a radio jet emitted from a special kind of galaxy called Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) and the surrounding interstellar medium. This interaction has been detected for the first time in a dwarf galaxy situated at a distance of about 14 million light years.

A radio jet is material that is spewed from the centre of some galaxies almost at the speed of light and sends out strong radio waves.

The Department of Science and Technology said this finding challenges the hypothesis that only large and massive galaxy jets which regulate star formation host AGN powered by massive black holes.

IIA researchers, combining data from radio to X-ray wavebands from the galaxy NGC 4395, observed evidence for such an interaction at the scale of 10 parsecs, or about 30 light years, around the black hole at the centre of this galaxy.

"We decided to investigate how the radio jet from a small black hole interacts with the gas in a dwarf galaxy called NGC 4395", said Payel Nandi, the lead author and a PhD student at IIA (registered under the Joint Astronomy Programme of IISc).

"We used data from multiple ground and space-based telescopes such as Chandra for X-ray data, Gemini-North and Hubble Space Telescope for optical data, Gemini-North for infrared observations, ALMA for submillimeter observations, and the Very Large Array for radio observations," she added.

Data from UVIT

They also used data from the UltraViolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT) on board AstroSat, India's first dedicated space observatory and were able to discover a unique radio structure resembling a bipolar jet, whose core was centred at the black hole location. "This jet is relatively weak, but our multi-wavelength analysis of this 30-light year region showed that the jet is interacting with the surrounding gas, and possibly causing shock waves to propagate through it," said C. S. Stalin at IIA, a co-author of the study.

"This study is important because of the discovery of jet-ISM interaction at very small spatial scales hitherto unknown," added Mr. Stalin.

Power supply to be hit

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BENGALURU

In view of maintenance work, there will be a disruption in power supply on Sunday.

According to BESCOM, Chandrapura Division, the areas affected are: 66/11 kV: from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Dommasandra, Kommasandra, Thigalachowdadhenahalli, Varthur Main Road, Heggondanahalli, Halasahalli, Thippsandra, Neriga, Janthagondanahalli, Gonighattapura, Chikkanekkundi, Kammanahalli, Chambenahalli, Yamare, V. Kallahalli, Chikkadasarahalli; and 66/11 kV Anekal and 66/11 kV Samanduru: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Anekal Town, Anekal Rural, Kavaluhosahalli, Gowrenahalli, Haldenahalli, Hompalaghatta, Choodenahalli, Honnakashapura, Karpuru, Byagadadhenhalli, Kadagrahara, Chikkahagade, Doddhagade. Samanduru, Rachamanahalli, Guddanahalli, Aravantigepura, P. Gollahalli, Thelagarahalli, Vanakanahalli.

E-khata a must from Monday, says Minister

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Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Friday said e-khatas would be made compulsory from Monday for registration of properties in a move a eliminate fraudulent deals across the State.

The system has already been implemented in some districts such as Chitradurga, Raichur, Bagalkot, and Chamarajanagar through E-Swathu under the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department to register properties in rural areas and through E-Aasthi in urban areas. E-khatas can be registered and downloaded for properties in urban areas, including Bengaluru city.

During sale and purchase

Mr. Gowda said the e-khata system would be made mandatory from Monday and all property owners must bring e-khatas during the sale and purchase of property. "To register e-khata, one needs to secure it from the local authority, in case of rural areas gram panchayats and urban local bodies in urban areas," he said.

Registration of properties would not be done without the e-khata as both e-Swathu and e-Aasthi have been integrated with registration process in the State, the Revenue Minister said.

The property owners need to get their e-khata at the earliest to prevent fraudulent deals. "There are instances of the same property being registered twice in two different names," the Minister said and appealed to all owners to have e-khata of the property, he said.

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀಕೃತ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ / ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೊರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳುಃ- ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ (ಐ.ಟಿ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 0836-2251955 ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ **30-09-2024** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

ಅ. ನಂ	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಯ ಅವಧಿ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1	DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT30477	25.00	1 ತಿಂಗಳು	15.10.2024 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	16.10.2024 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
2	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK _INDENT27727/CALL-2	20.00	1 ತಿಂಗಳು	15.10.2024 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	16.10.2024 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಐ.ಟಿ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/450/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2024-25

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ-2(ಪಿ.ಆರ್.ಆರ್-1)/899/2024-25. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.09.2024

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ನೋಟೀಸ್

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894 ಕಲಂ 9 ಮತ್ತು 10 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಸರ್ಜಾಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು, ಗುಳಿಮಂಗಳ, ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಗಮಂಗಲ, ಸಿಂಗೇನ ಅಗ್ರಹಾರ, ಹಾಗೂ ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ ಆಸಕ್ತದಾರರಾದ ನಿಮಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ;

ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಜಮೀನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ "**Formation of Peripheral Ring Road Part-1 (PRR-1) (Between Tumkur Road, Old Madras Road & Hosur Road)**" ಯೋಜನೆಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಶ್ಚಯಿಸಿ ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 19(1) ರಡಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಯುಡಿಡಿ/399/ಎಮ್‌ಎನ್‌ಎಕ್ಸ್/2006, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/06/2007 ರಂತೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಭಾಗ-03, ಸಂಚಿಕೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 1077 ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 106 ರಿಂದ 117 ರವರೆಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03/07/2007 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಸರ್ಜಾಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, **ಗಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 4/1, 4/2, 5, 7, 8/2, 8/3, 9, 11/2, 150, 152, 153, 155, 159, 166 & 178 **ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 131, 132/1, 132/2, 132/3, 133/1, 133/2, 134/1&2, 135/1, 135/2, 136/1, 136/2, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141/1, 141/2, 142/1, 142/2, 143/1, 143/2, 144, 145, 146, 149, **ಗುಳಿಮಂಗಳ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 48/1, 48/4, 48/5, 53, 54, 55/1, 55/2, 55/3, 55/5, 60/2, 61/1, 61/2, 62/1&2, 63/1&2, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 74, 98/3, 98/5, 98/6, 98/7, 101/1&2, 110/2, 110/3, 117, 134, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, **ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಗಮಂಗಲ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.12/2, 20, 21/2, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 24, 25, 29, **ಸಿಂಗೇನ ಅಗ್ರಹಾರ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.57, **ಕಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.114, 116/1, 2, 3 **ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆನಂ. 54/1 & 2, 55/3, 55/4, 56, 60/1 ರಿಂದ 22ಬಿ ರವರೆಗಿನ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿಮಗೆ ಇರಬಹುದಾದಂತಹ ಹಕ್ಕು ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆಯ ಸ್ವಭಾವವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀವು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ತಪಶೀಲನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಇದರ ಅಳತೆ ಕೆಳ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನೂ ಸಹ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಿಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿರಬಹುದಾದ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರವರ ರೂಬು ರೂಬು ಮೊಕ್ಕಾಂನಲ್ಲಿ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಮೊಖ್ತ್ಯಾರಿ ವಹಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ ಮುಖಾಂತರವಾಗಲಿ ಜಾರಿಯಾದ **15 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ** ಹಾಜರಾಗಬೇಕು. ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡದೆ ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಕ್ರಮಜರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲಾಗಲಿ/ ಅಥವಾ ಅದರ ಯಾವ ಭಾಗದ ಮೇಲಾಗಲಿ ಇತರರಿಗೆ ಇರಬಹುದಾದ ಭೋಗ್ಯ, ಆಧಾರ, ಹಿಡುವಳಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಹಿಸ್ಸೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅನುಭವ ಮುಂತಾದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಭಾದ್ಯತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಕರಾರುವಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತೋರಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಪಶೀಲ್ ನಮೂದಿಸಿ, ಒಂದು ಲಿಖಿತ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ **15 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ** ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ರೂಬು ರೂಬು ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಆಸಕ್ತದಾರರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894 ಕಲಂ 9 ಮತ್ತು 10 ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಅನ್ನು ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪೀಡ್ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ಮುದ್ದಾಂ ಆಗಿ ಸಹ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ 9 ಮತ್ತು 10 ನೋಟಿಸ್ ತಲುಪದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894 ಕಲಂ 9 ಮತ್ತು 10 ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು-2,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬ್ಯುಸಿನೆಸ್ ಕಾರಿಡಾರ್, ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಧುಳೆ महानगरपालिका, धुळे
दुरध्वनी मोबाईल (०२५६२) २८८३०१, ३०२, ३०३ फॅक्स (०२५६२) २००३०४
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जा.क्र./धुमपा/बां.वि./५५ बांधकाम विभाग दिनांक. २७/०९/२०२४

शुद्धीपत्रक
ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. ८६ सन २०२४ - २५ मधील वृत्तपत्रातील जाहिरातीमधील दुरुस्तीचे शुद्धीपत्रक

धुळे महानगरपालिका बांधकाम विभागामार्फत ई-निविदा सूचना क्र.८६ सन २०२४-२५ नुसार ई-निविदा दै. द हिंदू (राष्ट्रीय), अमर उजाला (राष्ट्रीय), पुण्यनगरी या वृत्तपत्रात प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आली असून, सदर ई-निविदेच्या जाहीर सूचनेत दुरुस्ती करण्यात येत आहे.

यापूर्वी वृत्तपत्रातील मजकूर खालीलप्रमाणे आहे.
१) अंदाजपत्रकिय रक्कम - 13,59,47,184/-
२) बयाणा रक्कम - 13,59,471/-
३) निविदा संचाची फी - 79,650 (GST करासह)
त्याऐवजी सुधारित मजकूर खालीलप्रमाणे आहे.
१) अंदाजपत्रकिय रक्कम - 15,27,70,303 /-
२) बयाणा रक्कम -15,27,703/-
३) निविदा संचाची फी - 94,400 (GST करासह)
उक्त बाबतची नोंद निविदाधारकांनी घ्यावी.
(मा. आयुक्त तथा प्रशासक यांच्या मान्यतेने)

सही/-
उपायुक्त
धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru-560 065.

No. EO/SPO/kppp/11/2024-25 Date: 26-09-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(kpp Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1, & KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of Equipment's.

Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date and time for uploading the tender on **10-10-2024 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **14-10-2024 at 10.30 a.m.** The Financial bid will be opened on **18-10-2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender **Committee room of Estate Office.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: **www.uasbangalore.edu.in. Help Desk 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 support@eprochelpdesk.com.** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/RO/2237/2024-25 **ESTATE OFFICER**

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
No.16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara,
Bengaluru - 560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
E-mail: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No: KERC/F-61/Vol-29(I)/709 Date: 27-09-2024

NOTICE

Sub : Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Intra-State Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.

The draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Intra-State Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024, were published in the State Gazette on 25-09-2024. A copy of the draft is made available on KERC's Website **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Interested persons may file their written objections / suggestions / views, if any, on the draft Regulations, to the Secretary, KERC, within 30 days from the date of publication in the Gazette.

DIPR/CP/2262/2024-25 **Sd/- Secretary for Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission**

Government of Karnataka
Assistant Conservator of Forests, Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.

No.: ACF: Channagiri:Tender.C.R-01/24-25 Date: 23.09.2024

(Through e-Procurement Portal Call-2)

Tender is invited through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal related to works of Digging Advance Holes and Growing and Maintenance of Saplings in various zones in the limits of Bhadravathi Forest Division for the year 2024-25 fixing time up to 4.00 PM on 20.09.2024. For Tender conditions and further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Approximate amount of work: Rs. 135.41700 lakhs.

1. Works of Digging Advance Holes and Growing and Maintenance of Saplings ***)** Last date for Tender Submission: 09.10.2024, 16.00 Hrs. ***)** Date of opening Technical Bid: 10.10.2024, 16.30 Hrs. ***)** Date of opening Financial Bid: 10.10.2024, 17.00 Hrs.

Sd/- (Smt. Ratnaprabha T.A.) Assistant Conservator of Forests, Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/24-25/173/09/785

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RECRUITMENT CELL

Advt.No: PU/RC/2024/48 Dated: 20.09.2024

RECRUITMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER (RENOTIFICATION)
(Reference: Notification dated 10.01.2022)

Pondicherry University is now reopening the earlier advertisement for the post of **Finance Officer** for fresh applicants.

For details of the post, Minimum Eligibility Criteria, Experience, General instructions, terms & conditions etc., visit the University website: **recruitment.pondiuni.edu.in**.

Candidates applied earlier for the above advertised position with reference to the **Advt. No.PU/RC/2022/39, dated 10.01.2022,** need not apply fresh, but update their credentials, if any; through Offline mode only by submitting their updated credentials with a covering letter mentioning their application details.

The Last date for submission of online applications and updating credentials through Offline mode is **09.10.2024 at 5.00 PM (IST)**. The last date for receipt of Hard Copy from fresh applicants is **16.10.2024**.

Off-line applications will not be entertained under any circumstances.

REGISTRAR (i/c)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPCL invites bids in Two Parts through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from suppliers/manufacturers/agencies/regular contractors for the following works. **1). KPCL/2024-25/IND1226, Dated: 18.09.2024,** for Supply of Carbon brush for 115 MW Generators servicing at VUGPH, Hosangadi. EMD: **Rs. 5,045/-. 2). KPCL/2024-25/IND1228, Dated: 18.09.2024,** for Supply of Standard Weights for calibration of weigh bridge installed at Hosangadi store yard. EMD: **Rs. 3,625/-. 3). KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1763/CALL-2, Dated: 20.09.2024,** for Annual Maintenance Contract of AC Plant at VUGPH, ODY & Split AC's. EMD: **Rs. 37,950/-. 4). KPCL/2024-25/IND1161/CALL-2, Dated: 24.09.2024,** for Supply of essential materials/spares for Hosangadi & Masthikatte Power Supply Division. EMD: **Rs. 17,415/-.** Last Date for receipt of Completed Bids: For Sl. No.1 & 2, **02.10.2024** upto **15:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3: **05.10.2024** upto **17:30Hrs.** For Sl. No. 4: **08.10.2024** upto **15:00Hrs.** Further details can be had For Sl. No.1, 2 & 4, from the office of the **Executive Engineer(MSP)H,** Phone No.: **+91-8259-288643,** Mobile No.: **+91 91416 21074.** and For Sl. No.3, from the office of the **Executive Engineer(Turbine),** Mobile No.: **+91 91416 21259, Varahi, KPCL, Varahi Hydro Electric Project, Hosangadi - 576282, Kundapur Taluk, Udupi District.** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, VIJAYPUR, JAMMU - 184120

Notification for Non-Faculty Posts (on Deputation Basis)
Employment Notification No. 02/2024

Applications are invited in the prescribed Proforma for filling up of the Non-Faculty Posts (on Deputation Basis) mentioned hereunder for AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu:-

Sl.No	Name of Posts	Group	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	No. of Vacancy
1.	Assistant Controller of Examinations	A	(Level-11)	01
2.	Nursing Superintendent	A	(Level-11)	02
		Total		**03**

For other details, application form and terms & conditions, please visit the AIIMS Jammu website **www.aiimsjammu.edu.in** under the head **"Recruitment"** Duly filled in application (through proper channel) along with attested photocopies of ACRs/APARs for the last 5 years and vigilance clearance should reach to the undersigned within 30 day of publishing of this advertisement in the Employment News. In case of any query, mail can also be forwarded to recruitmentcell@aiimsjammu.edu.in

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Tourism Dept. proposes five destinations for iconic tourism centre development in State

Lakkundi, Anjanadri, Saundatti, and Aihole in north Karnataka, and Roerich Devika Rani Estate, near Bengaluru, listed as potential sites to be developed under the Central Government's Special Assistance Scheme at a total cost of ₹447 crore

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

The estate near Bengaluru, which belonged to actor Devika Rani and her Russian painter-husband Svetoslav Nikolayevich Roerich is expected to offer a more cultural, artistic experience, when developed. FILE PHOTO

Destinations and estimated cost

- Lakkundi ₹132 crore
- Anjanadri ₹100 crore
- Saundatti Yellamma Gudda ₹100 crore
- Aihole ₹80 crore
- Roerich and Devika Rani Estate ₹35 crore

For years now, tourism development in Karnataka has always been focused on destinations in the southern part of the State, especially around Bengaluru and Mysuru. Of late, the Tourism Department is trying to look beyond these popular destinations and develop equally attractive sites in north Karnataka.

The department recently proposed five destinations - Lakkundi (in Gadag district), Anjanadri (in Koppal district), Saundatti Yellamma Gudda (in Belagavi district), Aihole (in Bagalkot district), and Roerich and Devika Rani Estate (in Bengaluru) - to be developed under the Central Government's Special Assistance Scheme for development of iconic tourist centres at a total cost of ₹447 crore. Four of these five projects are in north Karnataka.

"These places are shining examples of our architectural heritage and religious significance. Our government is committed to elevating these destinations to world-class standards," Tourism Minister H.K. Patil said.

While the plan in Lakkundi is to develop it as a heritage centre to showcase its Chalukyan temple architecture and steep wells (kalyanis), Anjanadri is proposed to be developed as a spiritual centre owing to its mythological significance.

Saundatti, which attracts over two crore visitors every year, will be developed as a spiritual centre.

Aihole, which is known as the 'cradle of Indian temple architecture' and has more than 100 temples from different periods of history, will be developed with a culture and heritage complex, a museum and visitor centre with virtual reality (VR) experiences, and a star hotel.

While the department has announced its grand plans, locals in north Karnataka point out how even the necessities of tourism development have not been fulfilled in the destinations in the region. From lack of information and publicity to shortage of guides and accommodation options, several issues need to be addressed.

"Even though Saundatti attracts one of the highest footfalls in Karnataka, something as basic as accessibility up the hill is a problem. The focus should be on engineering solutions that can make access easy to the hill and mobilisation of self-help groups comprising women and transgender persons, who can help with food and transport," a frequent visitor to the place said.

Unlike the spiritual and religious experiences provided in the other four sites, the estate near Bengaluru, which belonged to actor Devika Rani and her Russian painter-husband Svetoslav Nikolayevich Roerich is expected to offer a more cultural, artistic experience, when developed. Spread over 460 acres, the department has observed that the estate can be developed as a cultural hub to celebrate art, cinema, and host festivals, events and exhibitions. A food plaza, transport plaza, a water plaza (with boating) is on the list of amenities proposed at the estate at an estimated cost of ₹35 crore.

The development of the estate has been under way for over a decade now. In 2014, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage had first announced plans for the development. Since then, activists have flagged multiple issues regarding the maintenance of the estate. Even though the estate has come up in multiple budget announcements, there has been no significant development so far.

(With inputs from Rishikesh Bahadur Desai)

Constitution-themed dolls to be displayed on Gandhi Jayanti

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

This Gandhi Jayanti, the National Gallery of Modern Arts would display a Constitution-themed doll collection featuring dolls of prominent personalities from Indian history. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On this Gandhi Jayanti, the National Gallery of Modern Arts would display a Constitution-themed doll collection featuring dolls of prominent personalities from Indian history.

The exhibition, organised by Reclaim Constitution, a collective of people working towards improving Constitutional Literacy among the public, aims to showcase dolls that depict the 22 artworks in the Indian Constitution this year.

The display that coincides with the Dasara season would have the dolls arranged in the 'Gombe Habba' style although the exhibition is not directly linked to the festival.

"There are 22 different artworks in the Indian Constitution featuring portraits of Gandhi, Tipu Sultan, Akbar, scenes from Ramayana, Mahabharata, lives of Budhha, Jhansi Rani, Mahavira, and so on. We are asking people to send in dolls related to these. We hope we'll be able to get all of them," says Vinay Kumar from Reclaim Constitution.

India's syncretic past

According to Mr. Kumar, the idea is to showcase India's secular and syncretic tradition.

"The dolls are sourced from several people. We have a small collection now. But we have also put out a call to people to lend their dolls," he says.

The constitution dolls were handmade by artists Gireesh, Nanda Gireesh, and Fastin Pedros from Chitrakala Parishat.

One of the major attractions of the collection is the 15-woman doll set featuring 'Founding Mothers of the Constitution.' Although he central theme is the Constitution, the display welcomes all types of miniature dolls from the public. The exhibition also has a link to the ongoing Haripura panels exhibition at NGMA-Bangalore.

"Nandalal Bose, who designed the Haripura panels, also designed the artworks in the Indian Constitution. Taking a cue from that collection which we have in-house now, we thought it would be a good connect to have these Constitution dolls also as part of the exhibition," says Priyanka Francis, director at NGMA Bangalore.

Highlights of the show

One of the highlights of the display would be a 130-year-old handcrafted wooden Krishna idol from the family of P.V. Kuppuswamy Naidu who founded the Naidu & Sons Bakery and Confectioners in Shivaji Nagar in 1888.

"On Krishna Janmashtami, people of all faiths would participate in the procession carrying the idol. This time their family wants to showcase the idol," Mr. Kumar says.

The celebrations will also see Nadaswaram performances by Mahboob Subhani and Khaleesabi Subhani, a panel discussion, and a documentary film screening on legendary Nadaswaram artist Sheik Chinna Moulana.

The collective is currently collecting dolls and plans to wrap it up by Sunday.

"Any miniature dolls are welcome and people can drop their dolls from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. till 1st October at Ashirwad Center, St. Mark's Road," Mr. Kumar says. The exhibition will be open on October 3 and 4.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY
Office of the Registrar, Central College Campus, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560001. Ph.No.080-22961016 / 22131385, E-mail: registrar@bcu.ac.in
Tender No.: BCU/2024–25/SE0003 Date: 26.09.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement portal only)

Name Of The Work	Operation, Supervision and maintenance of Swimming pool, Gymnasium, Yoga Centre, Badminton Court, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Sports, Cricket, Kabbaddi hall, Basket Ball courts at Bengaluru City University, Central College Campus, Bengaluru
EMD	Rs. 2,00,000/-
Last Date For Queries	10.10.2024 Up to 16.00hrs.
Pre bid meeting date and place	14.10.2024 at 11.30 hrs Registrar's Office, Central College Campus, Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru.
Last Date For Submission Of Tender	25.10.2024 at 16.00hrs.
Opening Of The Technical Bid	26.10.2024 at 16.30hrs.

Note: Payment of Tender processing fee and EMD amount as per E-procurement Portal.
DIPR/CP/2249/SSC/2024-25 Sd/- REGISTRAR

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Email:commn_hassan@yahoo.com Phone:08172-268276, 263033 web: http://www.hassancity.gov. Help line: 233702,Fax: 234792
No:CMC/HSN/HS/AEE(Env)/CR 31/2024-25 Date:27-09-2024
: Re-Tender Notification:
(Through E-Procurement Portal) City Municipal Council, Hassan invites Re-Tender as per the Approved Action plan of 2024-25 Municipal fund and SWM 2.0 for the following works shown below. 1] Last date and time for Queries /Clarification is 05-10-2024 upto 5.30p.m 2] Last date and time for receipt of Tenders is 08-10-2024 upto 5.30p.m 3] Date and time for Opening of Technical bid is 10-10-2024, 11.00 a.m Sl. No.1)INDENT NO.DMA/2024-25/IND3246/CALL-2 Estimated cost in lakhs: 79.32
sd/- President, City Municipal Council, Hassan sd/- Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Hassan
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/508/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿ/2024–25

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, Head Office, N. R. Square, Benglauru-560 002.
No. DCF/TENDER/10/2024-25 Date: 26.09.2024
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
Tender Notification (Through GOK KPP Portal only)
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
The Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bengaluru invites item rate basis tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Development of Wildlife Rescue Centre at Bannerghatta Biological Park.	84.65	1,69,298/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents : **30.09.2024. (2)** Pre bid meeting: **03.10.2024 at 5:00 p.m. (3)** Online Tender quarries : **03.10.2024 at 5:00 p.m. (4)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **14.10.2024 up to 4:30 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Technical bid: **15.10.2024 at 5:00 p.m. (6)** Date of opening of Financial bid : **After approval of Technical bid.**
Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP.

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ
ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 562157
ದೂ: 080–23901864 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: itstaff_ulb_hmhalli@gmail.com
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಹು.ಪು/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/06/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–09–2024
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ್ ಮಿಷನ್ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಮೊಹರಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ವರ್ಗ
1	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT30284	49.50	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
2	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT30282	78.50	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
3	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT30286	4.80	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
4	DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT30287	14.12	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ:– **(1)** ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ/ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **03.10.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (2)** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **14.10.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (3)** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.10.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. (4)** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **19.10.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
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ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹರಿಹರ–577601
ಫೋ:08192–244266 ka.harihar.cmc@gmail.com
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Climate-conscious architecture of Old Madras

The city's architecture addressed a dual predicament: how to stay cool during the unforgiving heat, while coping with heavy seasonal rains

Durganand Balsavar

Centuries before it became a metropolis, Madras was a cluster of settlements like Mylapore, Triplicane and later, George Town. These settlements emerged from the interplay of sea, rivers and wetlands, and their inhabitants contending with a challenging climate – a cycle of hot-humid summers followed by torrential monsoon rains.

Across millennia, Madras developed an architecture that ingeniously addressed this dual predicament: how to stay cool during the unforgiving heat, while coping with heavy seasonal rains.

One may always contend, that contemporary life has considerably changed from a slow-paced traditional context. How can elements of history be reinvented in new expressions, to design modern apartments more sustainably? The guidelines suggested by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provide new directions to bridge this growing gap.

As cities like Chennai confront the new realities of the 21st century – urban heat islands, unpredictable monsoons, and water scarcity – the lessons of Madras' past offer a barometer for the future. The creative design challenge lies in incorporating terraces, semi-open spaces, shaded verandahs, shading devices, cool-roofs, water harvesting systems and recharging the groundwater into new, high-density housing projects.

Simultaneously, increasing tree cover, creating green spaces around affordable housing, and reintroducing water management systems like the *eris* (lakes) create climate-resilient urban neighbourhoods that respond to the call of environmentalists. Harnessing these time-tested passive cooling principles, while dealing with rapid development, remains a challenge for the growing city.

Porch, Front Stoop, Chair, Post - Structure, Patio.
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Lessons in sustainability

At the heart of this response lies the courtyard homes of Madras. Well-ventilated, and built with locally sourced materials, these structures offer lessons in sustainability, as cities worldwide face the prospect of extreme heat, urban flooding, and rising environmental challenges.

It is no surprise that environmentalists and architects, grappling with the consequences of urbanisation, have begun to look back at historic climate-responsive models. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has noted, by 2100, cities across the globe could experience record heat waves. The traditional architecture of Madras, once forgotten, now demands renewed attention, as the city formulates its third masterplan. Here are some key features:

Courtyards: a natural cooler

The courtyard houses of Mylapore were designed to serve multiple purposes. These open-to-sky, introverted courtyards, did more than just provide light and ventilation. They harnessed natural air circulation to keep homes cool, long before the advent of electricity or air conditioning. During the searing summers, the courtyards allowed hot air to escape while drawing cool air into the interior rooms, creating a natural cooling system that modern architects are once again keen to emulate.

The construction materials also played a vital role in temperature regulation. Terracotta tiles, lime plaster, local wood, and mud provided thermal insulation, keeping homes relatively cool in summer and warm during the monsoon. The 'Madras Terrace', another characteristic feature, served to insulate the roof, while the placement of shaded verandahs and thick walls further minimised heat.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A large glass enclosed balcony with a small sofa, tables and various home decor. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

In a modern context, several innovative alternatives to constructing cool roofs exist: by either painting white reflective coat or China-mosaic flooring. Other alternatives like providing terrace shading with pergolas or green roofs, can substantially cool apartments. Engineered wood is a renewable source of material that is rapidly being incorporated in modern design.

The courtyards also functioned as efficient rainwater harvesting systems during the monsoon. Rainwater was collected and channelled into storage tanks, ensuring a sustainable water supply for the household, while simultaneously reducing the risk of street flooding.

Thinnai: a transitional social space

Another feature of Madras' architectural tradition is the thinnai – a semi-open veranda that acted as a transitional space between street and house. The thinnai was more than just an architectural or environmental element; it was a symbol of hospitality and social life. Here, neighbours and travellers would meet, resting in the shade, sheltered from the sun but still connected to the vibrant life of the street.

This space also had a unique multi-functional purpose. By creating a buffer zone between the external environment and the interior of the house, the thinnai helped to prevent direct sunlight from penetrating into the home, reduced heat, indoors. In a modern context, semi-open spaces like the thinnai offer valuable lessons on shading and transitional areas, integrated into the design.

Water management

In a city prone to heavy rainfall, water management was of utmost importance. The ancient urban planning of Mylapore and Triplicane had an intricate system of roads with canals that channelled excess rainwater into reservoirs and rivers, preventing floods. These reservoirs, lakes and wetlands, stored rainwater during the monsoon, were a significant source of water during the dry season. It created a sustainable system of water management that supported both urban life and agriculture. Traditional settlements, with their courtyards, flexible spaces, and natural ventilation, offer valuable insights into sustainable building practices.

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FIR registered against Siddaramaiah, 3 others

The complainant, Snehamayi Krishna, had alleged a series of irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites, measuring a total of 38,284 sq ft, by MUDA to Ms. Parvathi in lieu of 3 acres and 16 guntas of land that had been purchased by Mr. Mallikarjuna Swamy from Mr. Devaraju, and gifted to her.

BJP protest

Meanwhile, the BJP stepped up its demand for the resignation of Mr. Siddaramaiah, who also arrived in Mysuru on Friday on a scheduled three-day visit to his home district. A large number of BJP workers marched to the office of the zilla panchayat in Mysuru, where Mr. Siddaramaiah was scheduled to preside over the district's progress review meeting. The BJP supporters were stopped on their way by the police and taken into preventive custody.

However, speaking to reporters here, Mr. Siddaramaiah ruled out his resignation, arguing that he would "legally" fight the "political" case registered against him to "destabilise" the Congress government in the State. Contending that he had done no wrong against either the Constitution or the law, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP was targeting him because the party was "afraid" of him.

BJP has no moral right to ask me to quit: CM

BJP wants to destabilise the govt. since it has failed to engineer defections, says Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A large number of Congress supporters turned up at the airport to express their solidarity with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on his arrival in Mysuru on Friday. M.A. SRIRAM

While the BJP escalated its demand for his resignation in the wake of the Lokayukta police registering an FIR in the MUDA case, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah questioned the BJP's moral right to seek his resignation when, as he claimed, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy is out on bail and a special court has directed that an FIR be registered against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in connection with the electoral bond case.

He said the court had directed that the MUDA case be investigated under Section 17(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and a report be submitted within three months, and hence, the process was on.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that an FIR had been registered against Mr. Kumaraswamy, who is part of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. "He is out on bail. What moral right does the BJP have to seek my resignation?"

Further, he pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not step down as Chief Minister of Gujarat in the wake of Godhra riots, which claimed several lives.

"The BJP is seeking my resignation only to destabilise the Congress government in Karnataka," he said.

The BJP, which had come to power in Karnataka only through the "back door", is unable to execute 'operation lotus' in which they lure MLAs from the ruling party to form their own government. The BJP is unable to carry out 'operation lotus' as the Congress has 136 MLAs in the 224-member Assembly in Karnataka. Mr. Siddaramaiah reiterated that he had not committed any wrong and would fight the case against him in the alleged MUDA scam legally. While he claimed to have done nothing against the Constitution and the law, he accused the BJP of comprising corrupt leaders.

When his attention was drawn to Mr. Kumaraswamy's social media post that he had been struck by 'karma', a payback for replacing the Lokayukta with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) during his previous tenure as Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that the ACBs exist even in States governed by the BJP.

Referring to the ongoing confrontation between Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and the Congress government in Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that Governors were nominated and not elected by the people.

"I am the administrative head while the Governor is the constitutional head," he said while pointing out that the Constitution does not permit the Governor to interfere in the administration of the State.

Plea filed in High Court for transferring probe to CBI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Activist Snehamayi Krishna on Friday filed a petition in the High Court of Karnataka for transferring the probe into the MUDA case allegedly involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to be monitored by a judge of the court.

It has been claimed in the petition that State agencies would not be able to undertake an impartial probe as the Chief Minister yields immense power and influence over the State departments, especially investigating agencies including the Police Department and the police wing of the Lokayukta. The petition is yet to be posted before a judge for hearing.

Land denotification case: Lokayukta police quiz HDK

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy at the Lokayukta office in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

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Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy appeared before the Lokayukta police probing a land denotification case against him and was questioned for over two hours on Friday. Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who is the prime accused in the particular case, was questioned by the Lokayukta police on September 21 for over two-and-a-half hours.

The case pertains to 1.1 acres of land at Gangenahalli in Bengaluru denotified by Mr. Yediyurappa when he was Chief Minister on June 5, 2010. Vimala, mother-in-law of Mr. Kumaraswamy held the general power of attorney (GPA) of the land and was the eventual beneficiary of denotification. Mr. Kumaraswamy and Ms. Vimala are also accused in the case.

Addressing media persons after coming out of the Lokayukta police office in the evening, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he had nothing to do with the case as he did not denotify the said land. "Some Ministers in this government have tried to target me in this case. But I have done nothing wrong and have made no wrong decisions when I was in power. So I have answered all the questions the officials posed to me," he said.

Coming down heavily on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's statement that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was targeting Opposition parties in the country, Mr. Kumaraswamy asked what was the State government doing in this case.

Sources in the Lokayukta police said Mr. Kumaraswamy is accused of showing personal interest in the application to denotify the said land the same day as the application was made when he was the Chief Minister in 2007. Days later Ms. Vimala gets the GPA of the land. A senior IAS officer during his regime has reportedly recorded his statement before a magistrate in the case. This statement is a key piece of evidence against Mr. Kumaraswamy, sources said. During his questioning in the case on September 21, Mr. Yediyurappa is said to have given a statement that there was no pressure from any quarters on him to denotify the said piece of land and claimed he denotified it as it belonged to farmers.

State announces draft Global Capability Centres policy

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Minister Priyank Kharge during the launch of the draft Karnataka GCC policy in Bengaluru on Friday.

The Karnataka government has launched a draft Global Capability Centres (GCC) policy intending to attract 500 new GCCs, create 3.5 lakh new jobs, and generate economic output of $50 million by 2029.

The draft policy, available in the public domain now for feedback, has announced incentivisation for the GCCs for skilling local talent, including technical and soft skill enhancement for graduates and diploma holders.

The other announcements include the establishment of global innovation districts with three new tech parks – one in Bengaluru and two beyond the capital city. According to the document, companies establishing their GCCs as anchor investors in the global innovation districts in Beyond Bengaluru areas would be given a special package of incentives.

"With a workforce of over 1.2 million and contributing $22.2 billion to the economy, GCCs have been a vital source of growth and employment for Karnataka. Through this policy, we expect the GCC sector to grow at a compound annual rate of 12-14% over the next decade and foresee Karnataka holding nearly 50% of the national GCC market share by 2029," said Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT, Biotechnology, and RDPR, at the launch event.

An innovation fund with an allocation of ₹100 crore is also in the offing. The fund is intended to support joint research between GCCs and academia, and innovation challenges.

A new centre of excellence for artificial intelligence will be established in Bengaluru, notes the draft policy. The centre will work with multiple academic institutions of excellence across the State to create computer capacity, curated datasets, responsible/ethical AI principles, start-up acceleration facilities, and other support needed to build the AI ecosystem. The government will also establish an AI skilling council with industry participation, as per the document.

The draft policy has given increased prominence to clusters beyond Bengaluru such as Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad-Belagavi, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi, and Shivamogga.

According to the document, a unit comprising professionals from the industry will be set up within the Department of Electronics, IT, Biotechnology and Science and Technology to offer dedicated support to GCCs establishing operations in the State.

Plaint against Kharge family trust again; Priyank terms it 'baseless'

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BJP leader N.R. Ramesh has filed a complaint with the Lokayukta police and petitioned the Governor alleging irregularities in allotting land by multiple agencies in Bengaluru for the Siddhartha Vihara Trust, led by the family of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge. There have been multiple petitions before the Governor earlier against the trust. The Governor had also sought clarification from the State government on one of those petitions.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge responded to the complaint on social media platform X, terming it "a yet another attempt to malign my family". "It seems I'm hitting a nerve and hurting the BJP, given their baseless accusations," he said.

The complaint alleges that the trust was allotted a civic amenities (CA) site of 8,002 sq. m at BTM Layout 4th Stage here in 2014 for educational purposes by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA). However, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board allotted 5 acres of land to the same trust in Hitech Defence and Aerospace Park, Bagalur, to set up an R&D Centre and a Centre for Excellence and Training Institute, for educational purposes in March 2024. Mr. Ramesh has alleged that the same trust cannot be allotted land in more than one instance for the same purpose.

Mr. Ramesh has reportedly requested the Governor to grant sanction for prosecution against Mr. Priyank Kharge, Industries Minister M.B. Patil and IAS officer S. Selvakumar.

Clarifying on the CA site, Mr. Priyank Kharge said the BDA allotted a CA site on a 30-year lease for establishing a school at Devarachikkanahalli, BTM Layout, in 2014 to the trust based on their board resolution in 2010. "Some of the landowners had filed a case against the BDA seeking denotification of the land in the High Court of Karnataka. The matter is *sub judice* and these legal issues are between the BDA and the earlier landowners," he said.

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As per KTPP 2000 Act by the Order and in the name of Governer, Karnataka State Tenders are invite under 2024-25 15th FC, 15th FC 2020-21, 2022-23,Savings for various Civil Work. Eligible registered bidders are requested to bid in Two Cover System via KTPP Portal Website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on/or before the date mentioned as under through e-portal only. Manual application will not be accepted.
Further details contact under signed office at Working hours.

1]	KTPP Portal Tender Schedule Download Date from	20-09-2024 at 05-30 PM
2]	Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening	09-10-2024 at 05-30 PM
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1.	2024-25 -15th FC , 15th FC 2020-21, 2022-23 Savings DMA/2024- 25/EL/WORK_INDENT29527	113.32	1,71,0000	6 Months

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The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0031** "Supply of Sports Equipment's for RUSA funded 1.0 & 2.0 Govt First Grade College of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	26/09/2024	30/09/2024 11.00 AM	09/10/2024 5.30 PM
2.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0032** "Supply of Furniture to Government First Grade Colleges of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore, as per the Institutional Development Plan(IDP)"	26/09/2024	30/09/2024 11.30 AM	04/10/2024 5.30 PM
3.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0030 Call-2** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipment to RUSA funded Phase 1 and Phase 2 Colleges under the purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	26/09/2024	30/09/2024 12.00 noon	08/10/2024 5.30 PM

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Sd/-
Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore

HC: Trial courts have to issue notice to accused before taking cognisance of pvt. plaints under BNSS

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The High Court of Karnataka has said that the trial court cannot straightaway take cognisance and issue notice to the accused persons the moment a private complaint is registered under Section 223 of the newly enacted Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

When a complaint is presented before the magistrate under Section 223 of the BNSS, it would be the duty of the magistrate/court concerned to examine the complainant on oath, which would be the complainant's sworn statement and the witnesses present, if any, and the substance of such examination should be reduced into writing, before issuing notice to the accused, the High Court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while directing the Special Court of Magistrate for criminal cases against former and present MLAs and MPs to reconsider a fresh a defamation complaint lodged by Minister for Textiles Shivananda S. Patil against Basanagouda Patil R. Yatnal, MLA.

Defamatory statements

Mr. Patil had lodged complaint in connection with certain defamatory statement made by Mr. Yatnal at an election rally. Mr. Yatnal had moved the High Court challenging the notice issued by the special court on the ground that procedure prescribed under BNSS was not followed.

Stating that the provisions of Section 223 indicated that an accused should have an opportunity of being heard, the High Court said that "opportunity of being heard would not mean an empty formality."

Therefore, the High Court said, the notice that was sent to the accused in terms of Section 223 (1) of the BNSS should also contain the copies of the complaint, the sworn statement, the statements of witnesses, if any, for the benefit of the accused to appear and present his case, before the trial court concerned took cognisance.

As the notice was issued to Mr. Yatnal without recording Mr. Patil's sworn statement, or statements of any witnesses, the High Court directed the special court to redo the exercise by adhering to the procedure narrated by it.

CPI(M) severs ties with P.V. Anvar

Party Kerala secretary M.V. Govindan urges cadres to 'expose and resist' MLA's 'vilification campaign' against party and State government; he says the MLA should realise that CPI(M) party's decisions are collective and consultative, not leader-centric

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

> The CPI(M) leadership refuses to recognise the red flags. Instead, it has pivoted to disown the messenger
>
> **P.V. ANVAR**
> LDF Independent legislator

The CPI(M) has severed its links with mutinous Left Democratic Front (LDF) Independent legislator P.V. Anvar.

At a press conference in New Delhi on Friday, CPI (M) Kerala secretary M.V. Govindan urged party workers and Left fellow travellers to "expose and resist" Mr. Anvar's "vilification campaign" against the party and the Kerala government. Mr. Anvar's self-proclaimed exit from the CPI(M) legislature party and his repeated tirades against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, his office and his family had prompted the decision.

Mr. Govindan accused Mr. Anvar of being the cat's paw of anti-Left forces hell-bent on sowing confusion among party workers, Left supporters, and the general public during the CPI (M)'s crucial local and branch conferences in the State. The CPI(M) could not allow such "right-wing-orchestrated" subterfuge to affect organisational matters, he said.

Mr. Govindan dismissed Mr. Anvar's claim that Mr. Vijayan had enslaved the party's rank and file and that no one dared to criticise the Chief Minister or his office. Mr. Anvar was an outlier in Left politics. "He came from a Congress background. Mr. Anvar should realise that the CPI (M) thrives on criticism and self-criticism. Its decisions are collective and consultative, not leader-centric," Mr. Govindan said.

He said Mr. Anvar's claim that he would sit as a non-aligned entity in the Assembly was "a sham." Mr. Anvar had opened the door for potential accommodation in the Congress by expressing his fidelity to the Nehru family. He has made amends for his statements against Rahul Gandhi.

He said the government had accommodated Mr. Anvar's demand for a high-level probe into the accusations of corruption, criminality, nepotism, Thrissur Pooram disruption, and alleged secret parleys with the RSS leadership the MLA had raised against the Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, M.R. Ajith Kumar. Mr. Vijayan had promised action if any evidence of wrongdoing surfaced.

Mr. Govindan said the CPI(M) was examining the accusations Mr. Anvar raised against Chief Minister's political secretary P. Sasi. He denied that they included any charge of sexual misconduct.

New political outfit

Meanwhile, Mr. Anvar has openly mused on floating a new political movement to break through what he terms a dysfunctionally corrupt multiparty system that prioritises the vested interests of leaders above the welfare of ordinary folk and grassroots party workers.

Mr. Anvar's response came after Mr. Govindan severed the ruling party's ties with the legislator.

Mr. Anvar said he would hold public meetings in north Kerala to gauge public response to his new political initiative. Mr. Anvar hoped the youth, including disgruntled CPI(M) activists, would back his new political initiative. "Otherwise, I am done for," he said.

In back-to-back press conferences, Mr. Anvar said, "The train will continue down the track of public service until the engine splutters to a halt or is derailed".

Mr. Anvar termed the LDF a sinking ship. CPI(M) workers had punished the government in the Lok Sabha election. "However, the CPI(M) leadership refuses to recognise the red flags. Instead, it has pivoted to disown the messenger," he said.

Opposition to protest for Pinarayi's resignation

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

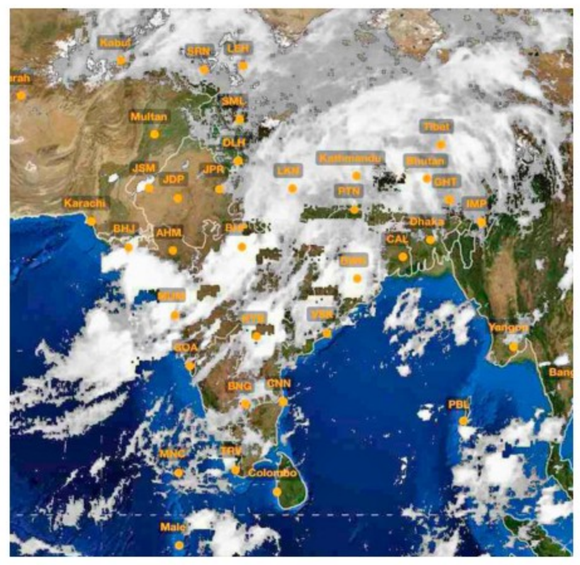
The Opposition led by the Congress in Kerala will launch an agitation demanding Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's resignation in the wake of allegations levelled by Independent legislator P.V. Anvar.

The convener of the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF), M.M. Hassan, said the Opposition would lay siege to the Secretariat on October 8. Simultaneously, UDF workers would protest in front of district headquarters across the State.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan accused Mr. Vijayan of having a covert understanding with the BJP, while BJP State chief K. Surendran said the rule of law had collapsed under Mr. Vijayan's watch. He said Mr. Anvar's "grave" accusations warranted a Central probe.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Sikkim, central Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Telangana and coastal Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	5	34.6	25.0	Kozhikode	—	34.2	25.3
Ahmedabad	17	28.6	25.0	Kurnool	—	32.6	24.2
Aizawl	7	32.0	22.3	Lucknow	5	28.3	24.0
Allahabad	7	31.5	26.4	Madurai	—	39.4	26.3
Bengaluru	—	28.5	20.9	Mangaluru	22	29.6	23.4
Bhopal	—	32.1	24.4	Mumbai	74	27.0	24.0
Bhubaneswar	49	29.8	24.6	Mysuru	—	31.0	20.0
Chandigarh	7.4	29.4	25.4	New Delhi	—	34.2	27.7
Chennai	—	35.3	27.5	Patna	8	29.8	25.6
Coimbatore	—	34.0	23.0	Port Blair	—	30.7	25.2
Dehradun	0.3	30.0	22.2	Puducherry	—	30.8	25.4
Gangtok	—	20.0	17.0	Pune	9	27.0	22.8
Goa	16	31.0	24.3	Raipur	0.4	33.4	24.6
Guwahati	4	32.1	24.5	Ranchi	3	27.4	22.6
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	—	24.1	15.7
Hyderabad	—	30.7	23.1	Shimla	35	22.4	14.8
Imphal	2	30.7	21.3	Srinagar	5	23.7	16.8
Jaipur	—	32.6	25.6	Thiruvananthapuram	1	33.3	24.2
Kochi	6	31.0	24.4	Tiruchi	—	37.5	27.4
Kohima	2	29.9	15.4	Vijayawada	8	30.4	25.0
Kolkata	42	31.6	24.7	Visakhapatnam	88	29.6	25.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.10	..29	32	 80	67	.....
Bengaluru	.17	..33	65	..... —	...119	.....
Chennai	.20	2	24	 74	...135	.....
Delhi	...6	..38	63	 38	...124	.....
Hyderabad	.14	..12	22	 50	72	.....
Kolkata	...5	..40	25	 23	33	.....
Lucknow	.10	8	77	 20	78	.....
Mumbai	...3	..29	30	 33	48	.....
Pune	...6	..36	51	 22	25	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..44	41	 72	70	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Karauli, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 212 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Kalyan, Maharashtra recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala reports second case of Mpox infection

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala Health Department has reported second case of Mpox on Friday. A 29-year-old native of Ernakulam district has been confirmed to have contracted Mpox infection.

The man, who arrived from the UAE recently, was admitted to a private hospital in Kochi earlier with Mpox symptoms. He had taken adequate precautionary measures by isolating from his family after noticing the symptoms. Samples tested at the National Institute of Virology lab in Alappuzha confirmed the infection. The condition of the patient remained stable, according to authorities.

HC order to shut down YouTube channel set aside

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a bail condition imposed by the Madras High Court on YouTuber Felix Jerald to shut down his channel 'RedPix 24x7', observing that the requirement was "unwarranted and extraneous".

"The petitioner ought to have been released on bail independent of the condition so imposed by the High Court. We accordingly set aside the condition which has been imposed by the High Court to the effect that the petitioner shall close his YouTube channel," a Bench of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice Manoj Misra observed in its order.

Mr. Jerald was arrested under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, and the Information Technology Act, 2000, for hosting an "objectionable" interview of another YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar on his channel. In the interview, Mr. Shankar allegedly commented on women police officers. The SC had recently ordered Mr. Shankar's release following the Tamil Nadu government's revocation of his detention under the Goondas Act.

On September 6, the Supreme Court stayed the bail condition of the High Court in the case of Mr. Jerald, represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan and advocate Vairawan A.S., while asking why their client was hosting such interviews. Mr. Sankaranarayanan had replied that such an interview ought not to have been shown.

After delivery, man carries wife across overflowing canal in A.P.

T. Appala Naidu
ADDATEEGALA

A woman from the Konda Reddi tribe, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in Andhra Pradesh, who delivered a girl three days ago, was carried by her husband on his shoulders across an overflowing canal on her way back home from the hospital at Pinjari Konda habitation in Alluri Sitarama Raju district on Thursday. While the infant was carried by another man, a woman lent support to the new mother to prevent her from falling.

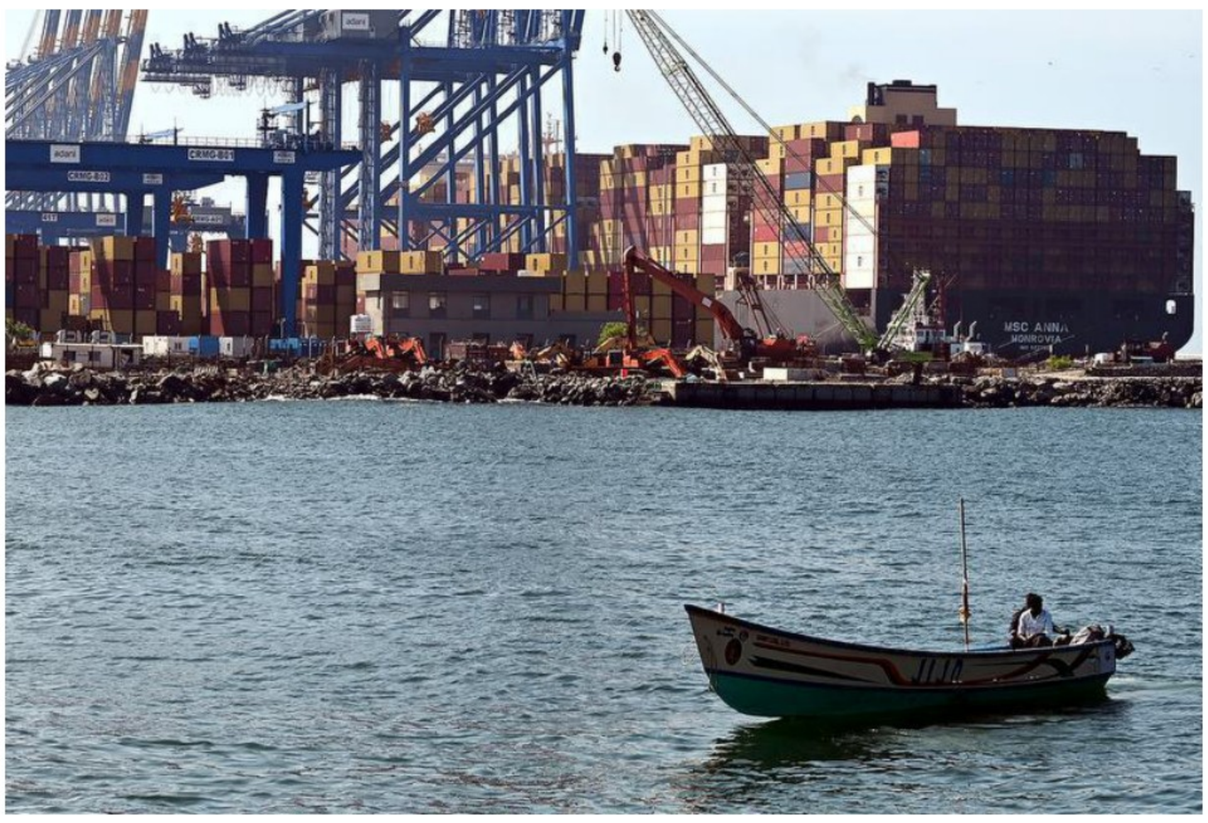
A three-minute video of the family's ordeal was shared by Bheemudu Pakalu sarpanch Kosuru Rami Reddi.

On Monday, the woman, Pulagam Mary Jyothi, 26, gave birth. Three days later, the community health centre dropped the family in an ambulance near the Jaderu canal. However, there is no road to their village that was one kilometre away, said Mr. Reddi. The village comes under the Bheemudu Pakalu gram panchayat in Addateegala mandal.

"While going to the hospital, Ms. Jyothi had crossed the canal with the help of an inflated tube. But the canal was in spate when they returned," he told *The Hindu*. "The Integrated Tribal Development Agency officials, who examined the possibility of laying a road or bridge across the canal, ruled out any such proposal," Mr. Reddi said.

When contacted, panchayat secretary K. Balakrishna said the mother and the infant were doing fine.

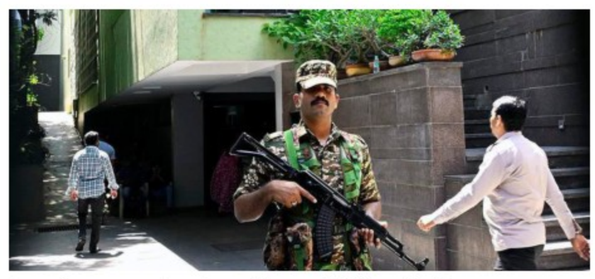
Brisk business



Mediterranean Shipping Company's Anna, one of the largest container ships in the world, berthed at Vizhinjam International Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. The port has been witnessing a beehive of activity in the past month. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ED searches residence, offices of Telangana Revenue Minister

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



Security personnel at the residence of Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy in Hyderabad on Friday. NAGARA GOPAL

Teams of officers from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) carried out a 15-hour long search at the residence and offices of Telengana Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and his son P. Harsha Reddy as of Friday night. Searches are going on at 16 places in connection with an alleged money laundering case. The searches will be carried till past midnight, sources said.

The teams of ED officers from New Delhi arrived at Hyderabad at around 5.30 a.m. and started searching at the Minister's residence in Narsingi, apart from his offices in Jubilee Hills and Banjara Hills.

The searches took place simultaneously at the Minister's home in Jubilee Hills, his farmhouse near Himayatsagar, and various locations associated with his family members, including Harsha's construction firm, and other properties in Khammam.

Luxury watches

The investigation stems from a complaint filed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence against Mr. Harsha Reddy, who is suspected to have purchased seven luxury watches valued at ₹7 crore.

The Customs Department had previously summoned Mr. Harsha regarding the acquisition of two of these high-end watches, worth ₹1.73 crore, which were allegedly smuggled from Hong Kong via Singapore.

Wayanad landslides: Committee moots keeping 'unsafe' areas habitat-free

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An expert committee which studied the July 30 Mundakkai-Chooralmala landslides in Wayanad has recommended that the areas marked as unsafe be kept free of habitation.

The panel, led by John Mathai, former scientist, National Centre for Earth Science Studies, has also recommended curbs on construction and other forms of human intervention in the susceptible areas.

The panel's September 25 report, "Mundakkai - Chooralmala Landslide, Wayanad district: A Comprehensive Study," pegs the total area deemed as unsafe at 107.5 hectares, including 104 hectares affected by the landslides proper.

The mass removed from the crown (the starting point of the landslide) till Mundakkai Lower Primary School is about 25 lakh cubic metres while the mass removed from the crown region alone is about 3 lakh cubic metres.

The committee suggests micro-zonation studies around identified landslide-susceptible zones. Probable locations of failure and their run-out should be documented in cadastral scale and disseminated among local communities.

"Anthropogenic activities which allow saturation of the soil are to be strictly regulated in other critical/prone areas in the vicinity."

Activities to be avoided

Activities that should be avoided include blasting and quarrying close to susceptible areas, levelling of toes regions of slopes for construction, road construction on unstable slopes and impounding water on slopes and building swimming pools and theme parks for tourism in high hazard zones.

Certain agricultural and soil conservation practices also need to be discouraged.

of the study. Parts B and C were submitted earlier, he said.

Munnar panchayat-owned dumping yard continues to be a haunt for wild animals

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI

The Munnar-panchayat-owned waste dumping yard is continuing to attract wild animals. According to Kerala Forest Department officials, wild elephants as well as gaurs are camping on the yard.

Munnar panchayat dumps waste in an open yard near a waste treatment plant at Kallar, near Nallathanni. The dumping of vegetable waste, also on the roadside near the yard, is attracting wild elephants to the yard, which is posing a threat to commuters and workers on the Munnar-Kallar route, said the department officials.

Jumbo issue: Wild elephants at a Munnar panchayat-owned dumping yard in Kallar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In a recent incident, two workers of the dumping yard were injured in a wild elephant attack.

In January, the Kerala High Court intervened in the waste dumping issue after two wild elephants were found eating plastic waste at the dumping yard. The court had then directed the State government to take immediate steps to prevent wild animals from entering the yard.

However, seven months after the intervention, wild elephants are still seen camping in the yard and consuming plastic waste.

Munnar panchayat vice-president V.S. Balachandran said that the panchayat is not dumping vegetable waste on the roadside near the dumping yard. "Now, the panchayat collects the vegetable waste in the early mornings and completes the processing before noon," he said.

"The dumping yard is on the land owned by the Kanan Devan Hills Plantations company. The panchayat cannot conduct any work on the land without their permission," said Mr. Balachandran.

Delay and bail

Senthilbalaji's bail was overdue, but he should not be made a Minister

Bail is no boon. It is a routine relief for anyone arrested and kept in custody to give the investigating agency enough time to gather evidence about an offence without the risk of interference by the suspect. In fraught times when agencies are seen as political weapons of the ruling dispensation, the release of a political functionary such as former Tamil Nadu Minister V. Senthilbalaji on conditional bail becomes a cause for celebration among his party colleagues. The allegations against him are quite serious, and a spell of imprisonment once a serious investigation was taken up was not surprising. However, his prolonged incarceration on the charge of money laundering gave the criminal proceedings against him a political colour. After over 15 months, he has obtained bail from the Supreme Court of India. While courts have been reluctant to grant bail in money laundering cases, it was only a matter of time before the courts began reiterating that bail is the norm, and jail the exception. It is a welcome sign that the Court feels no more constrained by the bail-denying features of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and similar laws. Its concern has now rightly shifted to the possible violation of the remand prisoners' constitutional rights in the form of protracted delay in commencing and conducting the trial. Therefore, long imprisonment without hope of an early trial has become a justified ground for grant of bail.

In Mr. Senthilbalaji's case, the PMLA charge arose from the allegation that when he was Transport Minister in the erstwhile AIADMK regime, he had collected bribes through his associates from job aspirants in his department, but ultimately those who had paid for jobs did not get any appointment. The police case regarding this has resulted in six charge sheets. The Court has noted that the final decision in his PMLA case can come only after the trial in respect of these cases. The former Minister, a defector from the AIADMK to the DMK, enjoys unwavering support from his present party, to the extent that Chief Minister and DMK President M.K. Stalin has extolled his "sacrifice" and "resolve". However, this demonstration of support from one side and loyalty from the other should not mean that the gravity of the offence involved should be forgotten. After all, Mr. Stalin himself had, while he was in the Opposition and Mr. Senthilbalaji a Minister, highlighted the allegations and demanded action. Mr. Senthilbalaji's entry into the DMK may have changed the political equations between them. However, the cause of justice for the victims of the job scandal and a fair trial for the accused would be served well if Mr. Stalin avoids inducting Mr. Senthilbalaji again in his Cabinet until he is cleared of the charges.

Staying the course

The Centre and the States need to fight air pollution together

With the southwest monsoon drawing to a close, north India, particularly the States in the Indo-Gangetic plains, brace themselves for the annual spike in winter pollution. Earlier this week, a top functionary in the Prime Minister's Office convened a meeting with representatives from Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, along with the heads of several ministries in Delhi. The brief was to take stock of the steps in place to prevent air quality from deteriorating catastrophically in Delhi. While pollution from vehicular emissions, road and construction dust, solid waste management, and diesel sets have over the years been counted as key sources of emissions, the burning of paddy stubble in Punjab and Haryana is known to be responsible for as much as 40% of the pollutant load during October and November. Punjab is expected to generate 19.52 million tonnes of paddy straw this year as compared to Haryana's 8 million tonnes. At the meeting, both States have committed to "eliminate" paddy stubble burning this year. To be sure, last November, the Supreme Court of India had expressly ordered that such burning completely ceases. This year, it has demanded to know from the Centre the steps that have been taken to address the problem. Whether the States can comply remains to be seen.

The harvest season of 2023 saw a 59% fall in the number of stubble-burning incidents in Punjab as compared to 2022; in Haryana it dipped by 40% but Uttar Pradesh saw a 30% rise. Despite the solutions to address the problem being known – create economic incentives as well as punitive measures to prevent straw from being burned – implementation remains a challenge. Punjab says that it hopes to manage 11.5 million tonnes of its paddy straw through in-situ (on the field) crop residue management and the rest via ex-situ methods. Similarly, Haryana will manage 3.3 million tonnes in-situ and use ex-situ methods for the remainder. In addition to this, 2 million tonnes of paddy straw would be 'co-fired' in 11 thermal power plants across the NCR region. Co-firing refers to turning the straw into pellets that can be used as a source of carbon. Experience over the years shows that several of these machines are not available to farmers when required. While using the straw in power plants has often been touted as a solution, there is no well-oiled system in place to transport straw from field to plant. The causes of the pollution crisis are multi-layered and will yield results only gradually. The States and the Centre must set aside their political differences and stay the course collectively.

Keep the fire of the self-respect movement going

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This year marks the start of the hundredth year of the Self-Respect Movement. An emancipatory movement unlike any other, its aim was to empower individuals and communities to challenge and overthrow the hierarchical structures that oppressed them. But the movement traversed farther to nurture rational thinking, inspire subaltern politics, advocate women's rights and promote social justice. Though the Self-Respect Movement is synonymously associated with the Dravidian Movement, there are key but subtle differences. Together, both movements continue to guide the political outlook of Tamil Nadu and provide an undisputable counter-balance to the emergence of the majoritarian onslaughts across Indian society.

The emergence of self-respect

Over the last decade or so, September has been celebrated as 'Dravidian Month' to commemorate the historical highlights of the Dravidian Movement. This month, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) commemorates three landmark events: the birth date of C.N. Annadurai ('Anna'); the founding of the DMK and the birthdate of E.V. Ramasamy ('Periyar'). While Anna is regarded as the political patriarch of contemporary Tamil Nadu, Periyar is considered its compelling thought leader. To understand the modern social architecture of state, it is essential to track the impact of the Self-Respect Movement, which Periyar conceptualised and carried through for nearly 50 years.

In the history of the Self-Respect Movement, the year 1925 is regarded to be significant for two key reasons: the launch of the first issue of the Tamil weekly, *Kudi Arasu* (The Republic) in May, and Periyar's departure from the Indian National Congress (INC) in November. While the last mentioned event is commonly regarded as marking the formal beginning of the Self-Respect Movement, *Kudi Arasu*, even in its early months, introduced a new dynamic in the erstwhile Madras Presidency. The publication exhibited a strong zeal for social reform beyond merely advocating the political gains of communal representation. After leaving the Congress, Periyar used *Kudi Arasu* to adopt an unrestrained approach in criticising the then INC and Brahminism, a term which he used to refer to the horrors of the Hindu caste orthodoxy it espoused.

In the Madras Presidency, the Justice Party had formed Government in 1920 and was a vanguard for non-Brahmin politics, which also nominated the first woman Legislative Council Member, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy and issued the Communal Government Order advocating reservations in government employment. Parallelly, Periyar organised the first Self-Respect Conference in Chengalpet (Tamil Nadu) on February 17, 1929 which was revolutionary even by today's standards. The conference addressed equal property rights for women, abolition of caste names, education and employment opportunities for women, marital equality and more. The participation of the senior Justice Party leaders including the then Chief Minister of Madras Presidency at the Chengalpet Conference testified its popularity and success. Periyar leveraged this to turn the focus from mere non-Brahmin political representation to the remedies for religion-sanctioned lower caste groups, the depressed classes, and women within society.

The first 100 years and Self-Respect 2.0

The Self-Respect Movement is known for its radical social reforms including the introduction and the popularisation of self-respect marriages, which removed the necessity for Brahmin priests and religious rituals. By doing so, Periyar threw down the gauntlet to traditional Hindu practices controlling marriage. He fashioned self-respect marriages in a manner to grant women autonomy, equality and dignity, and symbolised a break from tradition. Self-respect marriages were enacted into law when the DMK formed the government in 1967, thereby marking the first legislative achievement for the Self-Respect Movement.

Another key limb of the Self-Respect Movement was its advocacy for women's liberation from oppressive social norms. This included championing causes such as widow remarriage, the right to divorce, the right to property, and even abortion. Additionally, the movement criticised ancient texts that degraded women, and actively promoted contraception as a means of empowering women to control their own bodies. Moreover, the Self-Respect Movement was also pivotal in its promotion of inter-caste marriages, which was seen as a push-back to the patriarchal forces controlling choice of partner and marriage.

Throughout the pre-Independence years, the Self-Respect Movement was seen to advocate the prioritisation of social reform over political independence. This has come to be a major critique of the movement itself, with some commentators going as far as accusing self-respectors to be monarchists and separatists. This hides a complex relationship between the movement and the nationalist cause. The Self-Respect Movement was not opposed to independence but warned of a replacement of British rulers with elite Hindu caste groups. Over the years, the idea seeded by this movement has resulted in a greater understanding of political autonomy and has contributed to the evolution of the spirit of federalism within the country.

The movement has its set of challenges. It is essential for every movement to redefine itself and its role in contemporary society. Looking around the country, the biggest challenge and opportunity for the Self-Respect Movement is the cultural homogenisation led by the right wing. The ideology of Hindutva poses a significant challenge to the principles of the Self-Respect Movement by promoting a singular identity that seeks to assimilate India's diverse cultural practices into a standardised framework. This homogenisation undermines the distinct regional, linguistic, gender and caste-based identities that the Self-Respect Movement has historically sought to protect and promote. By marginalising movements that challenge the social order and resisting social reforms that address inequalities, Hindutva threatens to erase the cultural diversity and progressive changes advocated by the Self-Respect Movement. The movement's future relevance depends on resisting this push towards cultural uniformity and continuing to champion individual identities with particularistic grievances to protect the larger ideal of social justice.

The modern world around us is seeing the rise of more complex identities where caste intersects with class, religion, gender, and sexuality. As gender norms continue to evolve, the movement would need to address new gender-related issues, such as LGBTQIA+ rights and gender fluidity, which were not a focus when the movement originated. Integrating these concerns of intersectionality into the next version of the Self-Respect Movement while staying true to its foundational principles will be a critical challenge.

The information era, today, is rife with misinformation and falsehoods in the guise of free speech. The digital and social media are manipulated to reinforce and aggravate caste biases and group prejudices. The movement has to engage particularly with young people in order to rebut and resist this modern-day menace. It is also equally important to continuously communicate with the generations of young persons who are far removed from traditional caste practices but still susceptible to right-wing propaganda, questioning anti-caste reforms and social policies such as reservations.

A critical mission

As the Self-Respect Movement enters its second century, its mission is more critical than ever. Confronted with cultural homogenisation and rising divisive ideologies operationalised by a host of organisations including the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, coincidentally also established in 1925, the movement must intensify its fight for social justice, equality and rationalism. By boldly addressing contemporary issues, it can sharpen its impact while staying true to its roots. The future of an inclusive society hinges on this renewed vigour. Now is the time to reignite the movement's revolutionary spirit, ensuring that its ideals not only endure but also lead the way for generations to come.

With growing cultural homogenisation and divisive ideologies in India, the movement must step up the fight for social justice, equality and rationalism

Russia's geopolitical pivot to Asia, a new India chapter

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In 2022, Moscow cut its economic ties with Europe and made a U-turn to the Asian countries. As a result of this move, the knot of neoliberal interdependence between Russia and Europe became undone, with costs to the global economy.

The need for such a turn was repeatedly proclaimed since the financial crisis of 2007-08 but was 'adjourned sine die'. For the Russian political leadership, the core motives remained well-established. The country's economy was closely woven into western markets and financial structures and, therefore, remained susceptible to external shocks resulting from political and ideological confrontations.

The core feature of today's geopolitical manoeuvres is that they have both eastern and southern implications. Russia's $240 billion trade with China did not overshadow the dynamism of India-Russia ties, which, for many, proved to be the most important outcome. The countries without common borders and well-established logistic routes have managed to build up trade relations almost from scratch. The opportunities offered by India, previously considered as *terra incognita* for Russian business, spurred discussions on the necessity to change the economic grounds of cooperation.

The factors that mattered

For Russia, political imperatives were a prerequisite for enhanced commercial relations. India's position of non-involvement in the European conflict served as a guarantee for stability in policy planning. For India, on the contrary, it was the economy that led to the extension of political contacts, as foreign policy is driven by internal factors.

These distinct positions have become a subject for convergence and a shift to more pragmatic grounds. India is not willing to make any type of political commitment. But, at the same time, it imports Russian oil which helps it with savings and also provides it an opportunity to re-export it to Europe as a petroleum product. Another case is the import of fertilizers and sunflower oil from Russia that helps to reduce food inflation amid climate shocks.

In just three months after the Ukraine conflict, the countries have covered much of what they have failed to do in decades. Russia is India's fourth large trading partner. In June 2022, the level of bilateral trade surpassed $3.5 billion. Two years later, in May 2024, the figure rose to $7.5 billion. If one factors in unofficial trade, the figure could rise to several billion. Thus, in just one month, the trade turnover figure exceeded that of the entire 2021.

The meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin in July this year resulted in the announcement of setting up a bilateral trade target of $100 billion by 2030. In the context of the relatively low capacity of the Russian market, problems in access to foreign technologies, low-developed logistic routes and a sanctions regime, achieving this target will require additional political efforts.

Some hurdles

The first problem arises from the lack of economic complementarity between the two countries. Russia is now promoting its own industrial production and pursues a policy of moderate technological nationalism. It is the same with India which is pursuing a 'Make in India' agenda.

Second, the sanctions regime limits opportunities to overcome trade imbalances. Small and medium enterprises could become major factors in the boosting of bilateral trade and investments, but the countries lack a stable payment mechanism, an investment protection agreement, a clear arbitration system and single logistics operator for transport corridors which can provide a full spectrum of transportation services for exporters. Some of these obstacles could be eliminated by having a better presence of Russian banks in India – by the means of integration of national payment systems and creation of the payment gateways in order to soften the effect of sanctions in the financial sphere.

Third, technology and investments. This area was a hallmark of the India-Soviet friendship but became the main casualty in the collapse of the USSR. Except the nuclear and military spheres, the current bilateral interaction lacks big investment projects in the secondary sector as well as research programmes of significance. Today's technology cooperation should be more business oriented. Construction and the modernisation of factories, power plants, refineries and mines in India are promising areas.

Finally, cooperation in science and education does not have the desired pace of development. It should include projects in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects and also in social science, which would help to eliminate the information vacuum between each other.

The outlook

The Ukrainian crisis has become the major incentive for Russia's turn to India but it limits the scope of the bilateral engagement. India is now facing pressure from outside and Russia is directing its financial resources to sustain its economy. These circumstances have caused scepticism about the stability and life time of the current thaw.

In the midterm, there could be a certain contribution from the booming military complex. Russian industry will be able to increase its share in the Indian market due to the low-price characteristics of products. With prospects of a transition of some Russian production capacity from the military to the civilian sphere, engineering will cause no less interest. Agricultural and construction machinery, railroad trains and medical equipment could be bound for India. At the same time, India could provide Russia with a range of products less accessible for business and consumers. Smartphones and digital processing units have already become India's main export items.

The major problem is about the quality of trade. India's export misses engineering products; smartphones exported to Russia are manufactured in the assembly plants of foreign companies. In order to have a more stable footing, India and Russia should look at how to increase integration in bilateral production chains and negotiate issues of localisation.

The Ukrainian crisis has become the major incentive for Russia's turn to India, but there are hurdles in the bilateral engagement

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bail granted

One fails to understand why there is so much hype over the release of former Tamil Nadu Minister V. Senthilbalaji. The felicitations showered on him by the State Chief Minister — "Your sacrifice is great and your will is even greater" — are out of scale (Inside pages, September 27).

One would like to know what this 'sacrifice' is, and for who and when. The Chief Minister should resist the temptation to make Mr. Senthilbalaji a Minister again. Mr. Senthilbalaji should wait till pronounced clean by the law.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

Growing conflict

The escalating conflict between Hezbollah and Israel in Lebanon has raised concerns that it may become another Gaza-like situation. World leaders must prevent the risk of greater conflict and the existing wars being fought from spreading. They must ensure that Israel is kept in check as it seems to be focused on choosing war over peace.

Ganti Venkata Sudhir,
Secunderabad

The Nagapattinam-Kankesanthurai ferry docked at Kankesanthurai port in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. NACCHINARKKINIYAN M.

A journey across the Palk Strait

The Nagapattinam-Kankesanthurai ferry between India and Sri Lanka, restarted in October 2023 after nearly 40 years, was suspended after a week and resumed only this August. While the demand for the service was initially low, it has picked up in the last few weeks. **Nacchinarkkiniyan M.** travels on the ferry with tourists, traders, and refugees and reports on the excitement and concerns about the initiative in the two countries

On a cloudy September morning, five childhood friends in their late 60s gathered at Nagapattinam port in Tamil Nadu, their laughter cutting through the sea breeze. For over four decades, they had travelled across India together, but that day was different. They were boarding the Nagapattinam-Kankesanthurai ferry between India and Sri Lanka for the first time. When asked the purpose of their visit, retired headmaster, C. Sugumaran, who was part of the group, said with a wide grin, "Just for fun."

The ferry service had been restarted on October 14, 2023, after a nearly 40-year hiatus. In video messages, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Sri Lankan President, Ranil Wickremesinghe, had hailed the diplomatic effort and highlighted the importance of launching the service between the two nations. Calling it a "new chapter in diplomatic and economic ties between India and Sri Lanka," Modi said that the service would help strengthen cultural, commercial, and civilisational ties between between India and Sri Lanka. Wickremesinghe said the ferry was an important step in improving connectivity.

However, authorities temporarily suspended service after just a week, citing technical issues and rough weather.

On August 16 this year, service was resumed, with support from the External Affairs Ministry. The demand was initially low, forcing the operator to reduce frequency from seven days to three days a week. When interest grew again, the operator, IndSri Ferry Services Private Limited, added a fourth day. In recent weeks, there has been an encouraging rise in occupancy, with an average of 80 passengers per trip. Ticketing agencies said this was due to positive feedback, largely by word-of-mouth.

A ferry ride to another country

The ferry accommodates 165 passengers and crew and includes 27 premium seats. The price of a ticket is ₹5,000 for economy and ₹7,500 for premium. Passengers are allowed 23 kilogrammes of luggage for free. They can carry up to 50 kg of luggage by paying ₹50 for every additional kg. The ferry leaves Nagapattinam at 8 a.m. and reaches Kankesanthurai at noon. It leaves Sri Lanka at 2 p.m. and returns to India by 6 p.m.

The captain of the passenger ferry, *Sivagangai*, was J. Baskar. He explained that the vessel would operate at 18 knots with strict anti-smuggling protocols and would be monitored by authorities from both nations throughout the journey.

"Both sides can inspect the vessel at any time. It is mandatory for us to provide information on all aspects of the journey, including passenger numbers and nationalities, for transparency and security," Baskar said. He added that the ferry was equipped with life jackets, life rafts, and a rescue boat.

A group of five families in the ferry was excited to explore Sri Lanka's cultural and historical ties with India. They aimed to visit places connected to the Hindu epic, the Ramayana.

S. Shanthi, who was travelling with her husband and son, was delighted. "We are going to see the land where Sita (from the Ramayana) was imprisoned," she said.

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>
> **SHANTHI S.**
> Passenger

The same day, R. Sugitha, a librarian from Jaffna in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, used the ferry service to travel to Tamil Nadu. She said it offered a more affordable alternative to flying. "Travelling by air costs 60,000-70,000 Sri Lankan rupees (₹12,000-16,000), but the ferry is only 31,000 rupees (₹8,600) to go across the Palk Strait and come back," she said.

During the journey, Sugitha and her fellow passengers formed a WhatsApp group called 'Ship Friends'. They promised to stay in touch after the journey ended.

Reflecting on her return from Sri Lanka, Shanthi said, "We visited temples and saw remnants of the war. But what stood out was the warmth of the local Tamils who treated us not as visitors, but as family."

While the passengers enjoyed the ride, they also had suggestions for improvement. "While most of the trips are smooth, rough seas can occasionally cause bumpy rides. A larger ferry could provide a more comfortable experience in such conditions," noted a senior crew member.

Prabhakaran V., an environmental activist from Chennai, who was travelling with his wife, Akshaya, said that the couple had originally planned to go to Sri Lanka for their honeymoon, but the delay in resuming the service had forced them to delay their visit.

"There could be more food options," Prabhakaran complained, referring to the packets of instant noodles and ready-to-eat food that were available for purchase in the ferry. "They could also offer better amenities at the ports, a smoother connection to Jaffna, and a help desk for the elderly at the Kankesanthurai terminal." Jaffna is located 21 kilometres from the port. As buses are rare, auto rickshaws are the only mode of transport to the capital city of the Northern Province.

Many traders said that while the service is useful, the baggage allowance could be increased to at least 100 kg per passenger. F.A. Rohan, a trader from Colombo, imports ready-made garments from Tamil Nadu using the ferry service. Despite the relatively low fares for the ferry, Rohan said that the margins in his trade are thin, and he would have to save as much on travel costs. "More baggage allowance would help," he said.

Rohan also felt that the immigration process in India was time-consuming and the officers unfriendly.

Passengers en route to Kankesanthurai, Sri Lanka, from Nagapattinam, India. NACCHINARKKINIYAN M.

Historical connections

The links between India and Sri Lanka are historical. Writer and publisher K. Sachithananthan noted that the Tamil text, *Chola Mandala Sathagam*, refers to a famine in Jaffna in the 13th century. "Sadayappa Vallal, the patron who supported Kambar in writing the Tamil epic *Kambaramayanam*, is said to have sent a thousand boats of rice to the king of Nallur in Jaffna," he said.

Sachithananthan highlighted the flourishing tobacco trade via the Kankesanthurai port, which thrived until the 1950s, especially with Kerala. The Jaffna Malayalam Tobacco Exporters Association played a key role in this trade, he added.

R. Kulasingam, a Tamil writer from Paruthithurai in Jaffna, explained the significance of the ports of the Northern Province, such as Kankesanthurai, Oorkavalthurai, Paruthithurai, and Valvettithurai. His grandfather, a 'Thangayal' (sailor) on the Paruthithurai-Nagapattinam route, witnessed the region's prosperity, he recalled. However, former Sri Lankan Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike's nationalisation efforts led to the shutdown of many operations, he said.

Highlighting the region's shipbuilding history, B. Meenakshi Sundaram, son of a shipbuilder from Valvettithurai in Jaffna, spoke of the prominence of these areas in producing skilled sailors. His father built the ship, *Parvatha Pathini,* during British rule, which was later sold to Pakistan. Though smuggling increased after the ports ceased functioning, Sundaram said many sailors from these areas continue to work globally, keeping the legacy of their craftsmanship alive.

The British, too, established formal transport links between India and Sri Lanka. In the late 1880s, the Boat Mail Express connected Talaimannar and Rameswaram through a collaboration between the Sri Lankan and Indian Railways, allowing for seamless travel and the movement of goods. Under British colonial rule, Indian Tamils, known as 'hill country Tamils', were brought to Sri Lanka to work in plantations and built much of the island nation's early infrastructure. The ferry service was operational until 1964, when a cyclone wiped out Dhanushkodi on the southern tip of Pamban island in Tamil Nadu, shifting the route to Rameswaram. The service continued until the Sri Lankan civil war in 1983 forced its suspension. In 2011, an attempt was made to revive the Thoothukudi-Colombo ferry service, but it was short-lived.

S. Rathinamani Ammal, 88, from Matale in the Central Province of Sri Lanka, fondly recollected over a phone call her journey on the ferry in 1965, from Talaimannar on the northwestern coast of Mannar Island to Rameswaram in the Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu. She spent 10 days at her ancestral home in Karaikudi and visited temples in Srirangam and Madurai.

"If the rice cooked at home in Matale was packed in leaves, it would still be hot when we landed in Rameswaram," she said. Ammal said that her family would often travel to India to manage their land and pray at temples.

Since then, there have been many efforts to resume the ferry service across the Palk Strait. S. Niranjan Nanthagopan, managing director of IndSri Ferry Services, who has long championed stronger India-Sri Lanka ties, was among those leading the initiative. During colonial rule, Nanthagopan's ancestors operated ships between Jaffna and Vedaranyam town in Nagapattinam district, transporting passengers and goods.

According to him, tourism can reconnect the Tamils on both sides of the Palk Strait and open up new opportunities. "Connectivity is the first priority," Nanthagopan said. "Once that is established, other aspirations can follow."

> Will Jaffna truly benefit from this economic relationship or merely become a market for Indian goods, which will undermine local production?
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> **AHILAN KADIRGAMAR**
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Economic and strategic ties

Highlighting the need for stronger connectivity between India and Sri Lanka, Sai Murali S., the Consul General of India in Jaffna, explained that the Indian government has been covering part of the costs of the ferry service. "The aim is to lower user costs and strengthen bilateral ties," he said.

The Sri Lankan government plans to expand the Jaffna International Airport and introduce new routes to Tamil Nadu and diaspora hubs. Sai Murali said that the Indian government would also bear part of the costs of the expansion of the airport. Thanks to the success of the Chennai-Jaffna route by air, there are now IndiGo flights between India and Sri Lanka every day.

"India will also be managing renovation costs at Kankesanthurai port; work is set to begin this year," he said. "Prime Minister Modi's vision includes restoring the Talaimannar-Rameswaram route too. There are feasibility studies under way to reconstruct the ancient land bridge between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar, with India covering most of the cost." Sai Murali added that discussions are also ongoing with more ferry operators to pitch in and also to improve the quality of service between Kankesanthurai and Nagapattinam. Passenger feedback is expected to help the authorities resolve issues.

K.D.S. Ruwanchandra, Secretary of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation, acknowledged India's vital role in enhancing connectivity. A bilateral committee oversees ferry operations, though challenges remain, especially in securing vessels with cargo capacity.

"We have implemented security measures at Kankesanthurai port. Customs and immigration officers are working alongside Sri Lanka's Ports Authority security and Naval officers," Ruwanchandra said, stressing the importance of preventing illegal activities.

A boon for the Tamil community

Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in India said they prefer the ferry over flights as it has a larger cargo capacity. R. Manikandan, 25, was born in the Devakottai special camp in Sivagangai district in Tamil Nadu as a refugee. He recently returned to Sri Lanka by the ferry and obtained citizenship for the first time in his life. "I felt a deep connection. Everything seemed so near, both physically and emotionally," he said.

The ferry service has been hailed as a boon for the Tamil community. M. Piiratheepan, an Acting District Government Agent in Jaffna, highlighted the deep cultural and spiritual ties between India and Sri Lanka. He emphasised plans to create a tourist-friendly environment with proper facilities, including information centres and support for hotels and guides.

R. Jeyasekaran, President of the Jaffna Chamber of Commerce, stressed the need for improving the ferry service and introducing cargo services. "India could supply 75% of our daily needs, which would reduce our reliance on China," he said. Jeyasekaran explained that a 500-tonne cargo ship could lower costs, expand Jaffna's market, and reduce dependence on Colombo.

S. Narasimman from the India-ASEAN-Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, added, "We are very watchful of the ferry development. While the current patronage appears to be low, the introduction of a cargo service in the near future could certainly capture our attention."

Scepticism and concern

However, fisherfolk on both sides were sceptical that relations would improve through the ferry service. Cautiously hopeful about future relations between the Tamil fishermen of Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu, N.V. Subamaniyam, former president of the Northern Province Fisher People's Unity, highlighted the impact that India's bottom trawlers had on Sri Lankan fishermen. "They cut our nets and take away our livelihoods," he said.

Subamaniyam recalled the time when the fisherfolk from both sides would share food and enjoy camaraderie at sea. "They would watch Tamil movies like *Pattikaattu Ponnaiya* and *Thanga Padhakkam* in Rameswaram during the 1970s," he said. "But those days are long gone."

R.M.P. Rajendra Nattar, President of the Indian National Fishermen Union, echoed these concerns. "We face attacks from the Sri Lankan Navy and our government remains silent when our boats are seized," he said. Despite the challenges, Nattar stressed that Indian fishermen bear no ill will towards Sri Lankan fishermen, as many of them continue to struggle post-war.

Ahilan Kadirgamar, senior lecturer at the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka, welcomed the renewed connectivity, but emphasised that it is only part of a more complex picture. While Tamil Nadu's economy has flourished, Jaffna remains largely rural, he noted. "Will Jaffna truly benefit from this economic relationship or merely become a market for Indian goods, which will undermine local production?" he said.

Kadirgamar was also worried about how tourism would impact the fragility of the region, and the potential over-reliance on India. "The Northern Province is now viewed through New Delhi's strategic lens," he said. "The India-Sri Lanka relationship is increasingly centred on security and geopolitics rather than cultural ties."

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SC raps air quality panel over pollution in capital

Last November, the Supreme Court had directed the State governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Delhi to ensure that stubble-burning was "forthwith" stopped as an immediate measure to protect the lives and health of people. At that time, the CAQM submitted a report in the court claiming that the "overall air quality in Delhi-NCR has witnessed an improving trend since the inception of the Commission".

"The key parameters for daily average air quality for Delhi for the period between January-September, 2023 have been the best in 2023 as compared to the corresponding periods from 2018 to 2022 (barring the periods of very low anthropogenic, industrial and commercial activities during the COVID-affected year 2020, owing to complete lockdowns)," the report had said.

Stalin meets Modi, seeks more funds

Without a corresponding equity contribution, an unfavourable debt-to-equity ratio would make CMRL unsustainable. If the project received funding as recommended by the Public Investment Board, CMRL would get ₹10,814.8 crore in equity. However, this being a State-sector project, "...this equity infusion by the State government alone is not possible as it will affect the company's ownership structure. Equal equity participation by both governments is, therefore, necessary," Mr. Stalin said.

The Project Approval Board for Samagra Shiksha had approved an outlay of ₹4,305.66 crore for 2024-25, with a committed liability of ₹3,585.99 crore, for Tamil Nadu. Of this, the Centre's 60% share amounted to ₹2,151.59 crore, Mr. Stalin said. Despite the proposal for the release of the first instalment (25%) having been sent on April 30 by the State Project Directorate, no amount had been released so far, he added.

As for the Union government's position urging all States to establish schools under the PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) and formalise a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Mr. Stalin pointed out that one of the clauses said the States would implement all the provisions of the National Education policy (NEP), 2020. Tamil Nadu's concern regarding NEP mainly related to the three-language formula put forth in clause 4.12 of the policy, he said. "Historically, Tamil Nadu has been following the two-language formula to protect the State's cultural identity and to ensure students' proficiency in global languages."

Mr. Stalin contended that the non-release of funds would diminish the role of the Centre in shaping the future generations of one of the most progressive States in the country.

He also raised the issue of protection of rights and livelihood of fishermen in their traditional fishing area. He said the recent policy of nationalisation of boats impounded by the Sri Lankan government was an extreme step. He requested Mr. Modi to find a lasting solution to the issue.

Mr. Stalin also called on the chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, Sonia Gandhi, on Friday. DMK MPs T.R. Baalu and Kanimozhi were present at the meeting.

Jagan cancels Tirumala visit amid laddu row

Mr. Reddy had alleged that Mr. Naidu had defamed the sacred town and the famed laddu with his "false narratives that animal fat was used in its preparation".

The Tirupati town, the threshold to the hill town, was gripped in tension as several leaders and spiritual organisations vowed to oppose Mr. Reddy's visit, and demanded that he sign the mandatory declaration form (meant for the pilgrims belonging to other faiths) that he had faith in Lord Venkateswara. Prohibitory orders under Section 30 of the Police Act were promulgated.

Addressing a press conference later, Mr. Reddy said there were no buyers for Mr. Naidu's repeated allegations that adulterated ghee was used in the preparation of laddu prasadam at Tirumala. Hence he raked up the faith declaration issue.

ATM robbery: one killed as T.N. police nab gang

In the attack, an Inspector and a Sub-Inspector sustained injuries. The police, in retaliation, opened fire, in which the gang member who drove the truck was killed. Another gang member sustained injuries. The deceased driver was identified as Juman.

The police found the car concealed in the truck and arrested the five gang members. They belong to Haryana and were identified as S. Irfan, L. Sabir Khan, S. Shoukeen, and B. Mubarik Add, all residents of Palwal district, and A. Mohammed Iqram, a resident of Nuh district.

Forensic experts, meanwhile, collected fingerprints and other evidence from the truck. Police said bundles of cash were recovered from the car.

Special teams from Thrissur were on their way to Namakkal, and after certain formalities, the accused persons would be handed over to the Kerala police, they said.

EC asks Maharashtra why it did not follow transfer order

Chief Secretary, DGP rebuked for failing to comply with directive; the poll body had asked State administration to relocate officials who had served in their current posting for over three years

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

The Election Commission has reprimanded the Maharashtra government for not complying with its directives on the transfer and posting of bureaucrats, including a Joint Commissioner of Police, ahead of the Assembly election. It has also sought an explanation from the Chief Secretary and DGP.

An EC team led by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu is on a two-day visit to Maharashtra to assess the State's electoral preparedness, with the election scheduled to take place before the Assembly term ends on November 26.

In a letter dated July 31, the Commission had directed the Chief Secretary and the Director-General of Police (DGP) to ensure the transfer of all officers falling under specified conditions. It had asked for the relocation of officials who had served in their home districts or current posting for over three years.

A compliance report was to be submitted by August 20. However, despite several reminders issued on August 22, September 11, and September 25, no such report was received from the Chief Secretary.

The Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners attending a meeting with senior Maharashtra officials. X/@ECISVEEP

The EC instructed that police inspectors should not be moved between revenue districts within the same commissionerate, such as Mumbai. This means that instead of transferring officers from Mumbai city to the suburbs, they must be posted outside the city.

If these orders are implemented, several high-ranking officers, along with numerous police station-level officers, could be relocated out of Mumbai. However, it is anticipated that the State government may seek an exemption for some of the senior officers.

"Transferring several high-ranking officers in such a short period is not practical. The top officials might seek an exemption in some cases. A few IPS officers are already transferred," an official told *The Hindu*.

On Wednesday, the Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra forwarded a letter from the Additional DGP, indicating only partial compliance with the Commission's instructions. The EC, however, in a letter to the Chief Secretary on Friday, noted that no report had yet been received from him.

The Commission further directed that the original instructions outlined in its July 31 letter be immediately implemented. It has also asked both the Chief Secretary and the DGP to explain the reasons for the delay in submitting the compliance reports.

It also expressed its 'dissatisfaction' over the inconveniences faced by voters at polling stations in Mumbai during the Lok Sabha election. Top officials were directed to improve voter facilities for the Assembly election. In a review meeting, the EC stressed the need to ensure all polling stations provide basic amenities such as benches, fans, drinking water, and shelters.

'Remove DGP'

The delegation also met with representatives of all major political parties to seek their input for the election. The BJP proposed holding elections on a regular working day, while the Congress demanded the 'removal' of DGP Rashmi Shukla, who is on extension post superannuation. The Congress also called for the transfer of constables and senior officers, who have been posted at the same police stations for extended periods.

"The EC must sack Ms. Shukla to ensure that the election are held in a fair environment," Congress State chief Nana Patole said.

Congress reprimands Himachal Minister for 'nameplate' order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vikramaditya Singh

The Congress' central leadership rebuked a Himachal Pradesh Minister on Friday for saying that street vendors will have to mandatorily display their names and reveal their identity, reiterating that no Congressman is allowed to go against the party's policies and ideologies.

Congress leader K.C. Venugopal had a meeting with the State's Public Works and Urban Development Minister, Vikramaditya Singh, to convey the displeasure expressed by party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

He told the Minister that the party followed Mr. Gandhi's philosophy of fighting hate with love, and asked him to stick to the party ideology. Mr. Singh claimed that he had been misquoted by the media.

'Cannot create hatred'

"I strongly conveyed the sentiments of the Congress party. No Minister or party functionary can go against the party policies and ideology. Rahul Gandhi is doing the politics of love and affection against hatred. Mallikarjun Khargeji is also talking about love and affection among the people. We cannot create hatred," Mr. Venugopal said after his meeting.

Facing flak over Mr. Singh's announcement regarding the mandatory display of names by street vendors, the Himachal Pradesh government was forced to clarify on Thursday that no such decision had been taken.

The clarification came after the central leadership of Congress intervened in the matter, with the All India Congress Committee's Himachal Pradesh incharge Rajiv Shukla speaking to both Mr. Singh and his boss, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

On Wednesday, Mr. Singh had said that it would be mandatory for street vendors, especially those selling food items, to display their identity cards at each of the shops. He had quoted the example of the Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government.

U.K. backs permanent seat in UNSC for India

Press Trust of India
LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer joined the leaders of the U.S. and France in backing India's bid for a permanent seat on the UNSC to make it a more representative body that is not "paralysed by politics".

During his speech at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on Thursday, Mr. Starmer called for reforms to ensure the global multilateral system is "more representative and more responsive". Besides permanent representation for India, Africa, Brazil, Japan and Germany, the U.K. also made a pitch for more seats for elected members of the Security Council.

"So we will make the case not just for fairer outcomes, but fairer representation in how we reach them; and this also applies to the Security Council. It has to change to become a more representative body, willing to act – not paralysed by politics. We want to see permanent African representation on the Council, Brazil, India, Japan and Germany as permanent members, and more seats for elected members as well," he said.

At UN meet, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif likens Kashmir to Palestine

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly criticised Indian government actions in Kashmir, drawing a parallel between Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine.

"Similarly, like the people of Palestine, the people of Jammu and Kashmir too, have struggled for a century for their freedom and right to self determination," he said, accusing India of reneging on its commitments to implement United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions.

Shehbaz Sharif

Mr. Sharif accused India of extra-judicial killings, prolonged curfews in the region and other "draconian measures".

"In a classic settler colonial project, India is seizing Kashmiri lands and properties and settling outsiders into occupied Jammu and Kashmir [Jammu and Kashmir] in their nefarious design to transform the Muslim majority into a minority," he said.

Military capabilities

Mr. Sharif highlighted the expansion in India's military capabilities and said India's leadership had "threatened to cross the Line of Control".

"Mr. President, let me state in no uncertain terms that Pakistan will respond most decisively to any Indian aggression," he said, thumping the lectern.

In a segment on Islamophobia, he identified what he termed the "Hindu supremacist agenda" in India as the "most alarming manifestation" of the issue, saying it was aimed at subjugating Indian Muslims and the "obliteration of India's Islamic heritage".

It is normal practice for Pakistan's representative to raise issues around India each year during the UN General Assembly debates. India responds, exercising its 'right of reply'.

Naming Arunachal peak after the sixth Dalai Lama 'illegal, null and void': China

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Reacting to the naming of a mountain peak in Arunachal Pradesh by a mountaineering team after the sixth Dalai Lama, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said it was "illegal, and null and void for India to set up the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory."

On Wednesday, the defence spokesperson in Guwahati announced the successful summit of a previously unnamed and unclimbed mountain peak located at 20,942 feet in Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on the Tawang-West Kameng region. "After overcoming immense challenges including sheer ice walls, treacherous crevasses, and a two-kilometre-long glacier, the team has immortalised the momentous feat by naming the peak Tsangyang Gyatso Peak in honour of His Holiness the 6th Dalai Lama Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso," the spokesperson said.

On a high: The NIMAS team on the 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' on September 21. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The accomplishment was achieved by a team from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS). By naming this peak after him, NIMAS aims to pay tribute to his "timeless wisdom and his profound contributions to the Monpa community and beyond," the spokesperson said.

Responding to a question at a press conference, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said, "The area of Zangnan is Chinese territory, and it's illegal, and null and void for India to set up the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory. China's position on this issue is consistent and clear."

NIMAS has informed the Indian Mountaineering Foundation about the ascent and the decision to name the peak, the defence spokesperson said, "The necessary formalities for naming the peak are being completed to ensure that 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' is recognised on the official map."

'Bangladeshi infiltration' is changing demography of a Jharkhand region: ST panel

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

In a report submitted to the Union Home Ministry, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has asserted that "Bangladeshi infiltration" is taking place in Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana region, and that the demography of the region has changed significantly due to this reason, officials of the Commission have said.

Asha Lakra, member, NCST, who led the team that authored the report, told *The Hindu* that their probe "confirmed that infiltration is taking place" and has documented purported "evidence" of this in its 28-page report, which is largely based on anecdotal material gathered from conversations with "neighbours, panchayat members, and villagers".

This comes amid the ongoing politics over the changing demography of the region ahead of the Assembly election in the State. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) president and Chief Minister Hemant Soren's seat – Barhait – comes under the Santhal Pargana region.

"We cannot really say when exactly these infiltrators have come in, but if you look at areas like Barhait Santhali North and South – all are Adivasi villages. Today, Adivasis here have reduced in numbers. This proves that infiltration has happened, and this seems to have happened in the last two decades or so," Ms. Lakra told *The Hindu*. The report was submitted on September 15 and has not been made public.

The Home Ministry had submitted before the Jharkhand High Court on September 11 that infiltration had taken place in the region and that the tribal population had reduced significantly since 1951. But the Ministry had not linked the two. It had said, "Quantum of decrease in tribal population due to outward migration, low child-birth rate among tribals, conversion to Christianity and other reasons needs also [sic] to be assessed."

Ms. Lakra, who is also co-incharge of the BJP in West Bengal, has been among those at the forefront of alleging that the demographic changes in Santhal Pargana were caused by "illegal infiltration of Bangladeshis". This allegation has been amplified by the top leadership of the party like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and several Union Ministers.

Meanwhile, the Jharkhand Janadhikar Mahasabha, a conglomerate of Adivasi rights bodies, on Friday wrote to State Chief Secretary and Director-General of Police, seeking prosecution of BJP leaders, including the Prime Minister, under hate speech laws as per directions of the Supreme Court.

Ms. Lakra said the report was prepared based on field visits to the districts of Sahibganj, Pakur, Godda, and Jamtara.

Parties chase Dalits, voters chase papers

Dalit voters in Haryana are frustrated by bureaucratic hurdles that prevent them from accessing welfare schemes, leaving them disillusioned with the current leadership; as the election approaches, many voters are calling for change, but remain wary of alliances that aim to fragment their vote

GROUND REPORT

Sobhana K. Nair
AMBALA/KARNAL

Seeking rights: Women farmers carry cucumber to sell in Karnal district. SABIKA SYED

Gurdeep Lal flips through a small booklet issued to him in 2015 by the Haryana Building and Other Construction Workers Board, which lists 22 welfare schemes aimed at providing for every eventuality in life and death. In the nine years that he has been enrolled with the programme, he laments that he has not been able to access any of these schemes.

Mr. Lal, 39, belongs to the Baazigar community and runs a grocery store in Chapra village in Haryana's Shahbad Assembly constituency. As an SC voter, he has emerged as a prime target for the major political parties in the coming election. He runs his finger through the promises of financial support listed in the schemes: ₹51,000 for the wedding function of girls; ₹3,000 to purchase a cycle; ₹3,500 to buy a sewing machine; and ₹15,000 to the family of a deceased registered worker to help them conduct his last rites. He recounts the multiple rounds he has made and the piles of paperwork he had to furnish to make use of the scheme for buying a bicycle. In the end, he gave up. "It wasn't worth losing so many days of work," he says. "The poor get caught up in the paperwork. We get nothing," Mr. Lal adds.

Call for change

The average Dalit voter chasing papers to meet the eligibility criteria for various welfare schemes has little patience for politics. The Parivar Pehchan Patra, or Family ID, launched with fanfare by former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, which promised seamless delivery and monitoring of welfare schemes, has left many of its prospective beneficiaries disillusioned. There is a common refrain in their litany of complaints, a chorus calling for a change.

The Congress has emerged as the dominant political force for the Jat voters in this election, while the BJP's electoral gambit aims to coalesce the disparate group of OBC voters and build an anti-Jat coalition. In this tussle, the 21% of the electorate that belongs to the SC communities may hold the key. As the polling date nears in Haryana, the BJP and the Congress are vying to establish their pro-Dalit credentials.

Randhir Leelaram, 65, who belongs to the Chamar community at Kohaad village, is angry. He fishes out three electricity bills from his wallet, the papers fraying at the creases. The latest is for ₹18,000. Pointing at his small plot with its paddy crop, he asks, "How can I afford to pay this?"

But this is not his first or last tryst with documents. "Today, it is the electricity bill; yesterday, it was the Family ID. We are always stuck chasing the paper," he says. He claims that irrespective of which party comes to power, the lives of voters such as him change only marginally. "But the Congress at least did something for us. In the last 10 years, our voices haven't been heard," he says.

Reserved seats in focus

In the past few elections in Haryana, the winning side has often been decided by the party that garners the most seats reserved for the SC candidates. In 2014, the BJP won nine of the 17 reserved seats, pushing its total tally to 47. In 2019, the Congress doubled its strength in the Assembly, winning 31 seats and cornering seven of the 17 reserved constituencies.

Congress insiders claim that if this year's Lok Sabha election performance is projected onto the Assembly constituencies, it can expect an edge in 11 of the 17 reserved seats.

Darshana, 45, belongs to the Valmiki community in Mullana, a small town near Ambala, and proudly claims that she has always voted for the Congress. She is hesitant to talk politics but eager to discuss the prices of vegetables and other basic amenities. "The cost of everything is growing, but not our wages," she says. "In the Congress era, we got jobs. My husband was hired as a sweeper by the State government. But my son has to live from one day's wage to another," she says.

While the Congress is hoping to consolidate its gains, the BJP is running a sustained campaign to discredit them. In recent speeches, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah attacked the Congress, labelling it as an anti-Dalit party. The Congress's tallest Dalit leader in the State is Lok Sabha MP Kumari Selja, who has largely stayed out of the campaign in protest against her political rival and former CM Bhupinder Hooda getting a bigger say in ticket selection. This has given the BJP more ammunition to attack the Congress. However, the Congress has steadied its ship, with Ms. Selja sharing the stage with Mr. Hooda and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi in Jind district on Thursday.

Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janata Party in alliance with Chandrashekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party (ASP), and the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) in alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), are also vying for Dalit votes.

At Chamar Khera in Indri constituency, the village entrance is festooned with both Congress and BSP buntings and posters. Village sarpanch Ram Jawari has a pragmatic approach to elections. "Both BSP and ASP have aligned themselves with Jats. These alliances are aimed at fragmenting the Dalit vote and avoiding a consolidation in the Congress's favour. But they forget, we can't be fooled. What is the point of voting for someone who will ensure *status quo*? We want change," he asserts.

Congress spreading lies to grab power in Haryana, says Shah

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday hit out at the Congress, terming it a party of "cut, commission and corruption", saying it was spreading lies about different issues to mislead people for grabbing power.

Mr. Shah said the Congress had always insulted the Army and had a history of betraying the Army and soldiers.

"The Congress is spreading the misconception about Agniveers. The Centre government and the Haryana government together will give government jobs with permanent pensions to Agniveers of Haryana," he said, addressing a rally in Rewari district. He accused Leader of the Opposition and Congress Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi of spreading rumours surrounding Agniveers.

Mr. Shah said, "When there was a Congress government in Haryana, it was run by 'cuts, commission and corruption'. The rule of dealers, brokers, and sons-in-law prevailed. The BJP ended it all. Neither dealers nor brokers are left in the BJP government as we gave corruption-free governance to Haryana."

Terming the Congress as "anti-farmers", Mr. Shah said, "Mr. Rahul [Gandhi] should tell the people that in the Congress-ruled States how many crops are being purchased at minimum support price (MSP) by their governments. How many crops do they buy at MSP in Karnataka and Telangana? It is only the BJP-ruled Haryana where 24 crops are purchased at MSP. During the Congress government at Centre, the price of paddy was ₹1,310, which has now increased to ₹2,300 under the BJP government." The MSP of paddy will be further increased to ₹3,100, he added.

Opponent of Dalits

He said the Congress was the biggest opponent of Dalits, and it was only the BJP that could protect the reservation of the Scheduled Castes (SC) and the Other Backward Classes (OBC). "As long as there is even one BJP MP in the Lok Sabha, the Congress will not be able to end the reservation for Backward Classes and Dalits," he said.

'Regret standing with BJP during protest by farmers'

JJP leader says it was a mistake that he did not understand farmers' sentiments but that he does not regret allying with the BJP in 2019

INTERVIEW

Dushyant Chautala

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana and Jannayak Janata Party leader Dushyant Chautala, who is contesting the coming Assembly election from his family bastion of Uchana Kalan in Jind, speaks on a host of issues, including the challenges before his party, his alliance with Azad Samaj Party, the lessons learnt from mistakes, and the resentment of his core vote bank.

These are challenging times for your party grappling with erosion of support base, and the workers and the MLAs quitting ahead of the election? How do you plan to deal with it?

There are many instances in political history when a party has been through a rough phase. These ups and downs are part of a political journey. Every election is a challenge and the cadre that overcomes it forms the government. We will expand our support base, bring more people to the party's fold and train them.

In a post on your social media platform recently you wrote saying that you were learning from your mistakes. What mistakes were you talking about?

I believe no one can be perfect. So if there are any shortcomings, be it in taking political decisions or the running of the government, those are my mistakes. I think there were none, but if people think differently, I will improve.

Can you be more specific?

Like, I talk about the sentiments of the masses and my supporters. When I go among the people, everyone says that I should have resigned during the farmers' agitation. I could not understand their sentiments then, probably it was my mistake.

How do you address the people's resentment over the twin issues of the JJP's alliance with the BJP and the stand your party took during the farmers' agitation?

People are angry, but how long can it be like this? It cannot go on forever. We had to fulfil the promises that we had made to the people in the election. Those promises could not be fulfilled by sitting in the Opposition. The monthly old age pension in Haryana has been increased to ₹3,000. It was because of our efforts. I believe people will understand this. We gave 50% reservation to women in panchayats and 8% reservation to the OBC (A). It became possible only because we were part of the government. Sitting in the Opposition, I could only criticise and find faults, but could not fulfil the promises.

Your party and your alliance partner Azad Samaj Party cater to different vote banks, who don't go along together on the ground. How do you coordinate?

Our vote bank is the same. We are targeting those below the age of 55. They make around 60% of the total electorate of the State. If we win over this 60% vote bank, we can form our own government.

But both parties cater to different castes.

We don't think like this. It is not our mindset to talk about caste politics. The target of both parties is to empower the youth, and we have a clear vision for them and the State.

What's your take on the Haryana Assembly poll. What role do you see for your alliance after the results?

I think Haryana will have a hung assembly, and our alliance will have a very important role to play in it. The job at hand is to get the maximum numbers. Once we have the numbers, we will decide on the future course of action.

Do you regret the post-poll alliance with the BJP after the 2019 Assembly poll?

I don't regret entering into an alliance with the BJP, but I regret standing with them during the farmers' agitation.

Will simplify GST if we come to power: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

If the Congress comes to power at the Centre, it will simplify the goods and services tax (GST) regime, said Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

The Congress will also open up the banking system to small businesses to create more jobs, he added, claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "monopoly model" had taken away jobs.

He made the remarks at an event hosted by the All India Professionals' Congress in Jammu on Wednesday. The video of the event was released on Friday.

Emphasising the complexity of the current GST regime, the Congress leader mocked the BJP over an incident where the owner of the Annapurna restaurant in Coimbatore had to apologise to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for pointing out a problem.

"You must have seen the video of Annapurna. He was saying, 'If I mix bun and cream, then its GST is different and if I keep these items separate, then it's a different GST.' And what is the BJP doing? The BJP is calling him to the hotel, making him apologise, insulting him and then 'viraling' the video," he said.

"This is ridiculous. Instead of saying, 'You are right, actually this is a foolish idea... GST on buns and cream, let's fix it.' And this is a central thing in the BJP and it's the difference between us and them. If we come to power in India nationally, we will remove this GST and change it," he added.

'Modi's monopoly'

Sharing the video on X, Mr. Gandhi said, "The frustration in the eyes of a young start-up owner from J&K reflects the struggles of most entrepreneurs and small-business owners in India. 'Modiji's monopoly model' has taken away jobs, devastated MSMEs, and deprived people of opportunity."

He alleged that there had been a "systematic attack" on small and medium industries through incompetent policies such as the poorly designed GST and demonetisation that had turned India from a producing economy to a consuming one.

"At this rate, we can neither compete with China nor ensure prosperity for all Indians. We must simplify GST and open up the banking system to small businesses to promote widespread opportunity and job creation," Mr. Gandhi said.

He said the single biggest reason for unemployment was that the basic structure of employment, which is small and medium businesses, was "under severe attack from five to 10 really big monopolies".

He said India could take on China as a mass producer by changing its focus. "These large monopolies have control over the political system and they are organising a systematic attack on you," he said. "What is the answer? The answer is a redesigned GST, banking support to small and medium industries, technological support to small and medium industries," he added.

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LAST DATE EXTENSION

This is to bring to the notice of all concerned that the notification published in newspaper on **24-08-2024** with respect to the tender **No.(DULT/2024-25/SE0005)** for reputed consultancy service providers for the service of Preparation of a Comprehensive Mobility Plan for Mysuru, Karnataka, has been extended from **24- 09-2024 5:30 pm** to **14-10-2024 at 5:30pm.** The bidders may download the tender documents from the Government of Karnataka website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

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INBRIEF

Textile sector to create 6 cr. jobs by 2030, says Minister

Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh said here on Friday that the industry will grow to $350 billion by 2030, generating a total of 4.5 crore to 6 crore jobs across the world. Talking to reporters on 100 days' achievements of his Ministry, he said the push for silk production will provide employment to farmers. Projects such as the Eri Sericulture Promotional Project launched in Gujarat will be expanded across the country. He said the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) parks, with an investment of ₹70,000 crore, is expected to create 21 lakh jobs.

Passengers suffer injuries as stones thrown at train in Bihar

A few passengers suffered minor injuries when stones were thrown at the Swatantrata Senani Express in Samastipur district of Bihar on Thursday when the train was on its way from Jainagar to Delhi. The incident caused panic among passengers. The window panes of the pantry car and two coaches next to it were damaged. Around 9.30 p.m. when the train was passing the Samastipur station, stones were thrown at it. Following the incident, the train was delayed for 45 minutes. The State Railway Police took a person in custody, who was found to be "mentally disturbed", upon interrogation.

Long-range rockets, futuristic ammunition on Army wish list

Taking lessons from Ukraine war, it is looking at extending the range of Pinaka rockets; it wants to diversify its vendor base, especially for 155 mm artillery shells, to build resilient supply chains

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Pinaka rocket launch system during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Building on the lessons from the Ukraine war and the offensive by Israel in Gaza, the Indian Army is going for extended range rockets, which have proven to be decisive, and indigenising and diversifying the vendor base, especially for 155mm artillery shells, to build resilient supply chains. It is also going for futuristic ammunition, a senior officer said.

The indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launch system is being widely exploited and their ability is second to none, Lt. Gen. Adosh Kumar, Director-General of the Regiment of Artillery, said speaking to the media ahead of the Regiment's 198th raising day on Saturday .

"We are looking at extending range of the Pinaka rockets and lot of work is going on, first to double and then to almost [make it] four times the present range. The Defence Research and Development Organisation is confident of achieving it."

Last year, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement of the Pralay tactical ballistic missiles with a range of 400 km and Nirbhay subsonic cruise missiles with a range of 1,000 km, both of which will give a long-range strike option to the Indian military.

The development trials of Pralay are almost over, the officer said. The trials for Nirbhay are on and in April it was tested with an indigenous engine. It is expected to be given to the Army for trials next year.

The other aspect is that the Pinaka can fire a variety of ammunition and that is where its efficacy in the battlefield comes in, the officer noted.

Trials on

"Trials are currently on for guided extended range Pinaka rockets. High altitude are already done, trials in the plains are scheduled next month. If the trials are successful, we hope to conclude the deal soon and that will double present range of Pinaka. And they are also guided which means their precision will automatically improve."

As reported earlier, the guided ER rockets will take the range of Pinaka to 75 km and beyond. The HIMARS (high-mobility artillery rocket system), which the U.S. has supplied to Ukraine, and similar systems also use guided rockets, officials observed.

For artillery guns, the Army has already drawn a road map to convert all its guns to 155 mm standard.Another ammunition is the high explosive pre-fragmented rockets for Pinaka which will increase the range by 15%-20%.

The trials are over, and the contract is expected to be signed this fiscal, Lt. Gen. Kumar noted.

The area denial munition (ADM) system which can be anti-tank and anti-personnel is also under development.

The trials of one of the types are over and the contract is expected to be signed this fiscal, while for other types, the work is on and the DRDO has identified production partners, the officer said.

The ADM rocket system was successfully flight-tested by the DRDO and the Army first in April 2022.

The war in Ukraine is in its third year and has shattered perception that wars will be short and swift, Lt. Gen. Kumar said.

Class 2 boy killed in U.P. as sacrifice for 'school's prosperity'

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

Post-mortem report of the child, who stayed in the hostel, revealed that he was strangled

A Class 2 student was killed as part of an alleged "sacrificial ritual" performed by the owners of a school in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh to make it more "prosperous", the police said on Friday.

The police said the incident took place at the D.L. Public School in Rasgwan village.

The owner, Jasodhan Singh, who believed in *tantrik* rituals, asked his son Dinesh Baghel, the school's director, to sacrifice a child for the "prosperity" of the school and his family.

Mr. Jasodhan had taken a loan to start the residential school, but it only had a few students. This led him to take the step, the police said.

Besides the owner and the director, the principal and two teachers identified as Laxman Singh, Ramprakash Solanki, and Veerpal Singh, respectively, were arrested for their alleged involvement in the killing that took place on September 23, they said. A murder case has also been registered.

According to the police, the post-mortem report of the child, identified as Kritarth, revealed that he had been strangled.

Hathras Additional Superintendent of Police Ashok Kumar Singh said that on September 23, the student was abducted from the school's hostel by Mr. Solanki, Mr. Baghel, and Mr. Jasodhan. They took him to a secluded place for the sacrifice but the student woke up and began crying, the officer said, adding that they then strangled him. "Veerpal Singh and principal Laxman Singh were guarding the place," he said.

Basic Education Officer (Hathras) Swati Bharti issued an order to shut the school and hold an inquiry. She said the school ran without permission for Classes 1 to 8 and that the hostel was functioning illegally.

Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairperson Devendra Sharma called it a heinous incident and assured that action would be taken in the matter.

BrahMos Aerospace to have job quota for Agniveers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In what is among the few firm notifications by a company, BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd. has announced reservation for Agniveers in the organisation.

It announced reservation for recruitment of Agniveers for at least 15% of technical and general administration vacancies at its work centres. There is 50% reservation for the vacancies for security and administrative functions at work centres, where it has outsourced such tasks.

"The soldiers coming out of Agnipath scheme are well-trained, qualified, disciplined and motivated through rigorous selection and training process... if recruited in BAPL, in their respective fields will be assets to the organisation," the company said.

BRICS significant for multipolarity, global diversity: Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with his BRICS counterparts to affirm its role in a multipolar world. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

"Underlined its significance for multi-polarity and global diversity," Mr. Jaishankar said on social media site X.

Range of topics

The group, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, expanded at the start of this year to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE. Thursday's meeting was convened by Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira.

The group focused on reforming multilateralism and strengthening development, the Minister said. They also discussed the Sustainable Development Goals, debt, fair trade, and poverty alleviation, according to Mr. Jaishankar.

Different aspects

Asked earlier this week at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) about what India was getting out of being a member of the Quad and also BRICS and the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation), Mr. Jaishankar said each of these groupings represented a different aspect of India's goals.

"I think each one is a different facet ... of our interests and our activities," he said. The BRICS group was made in the context of non-Western countries feeling they were not getting a fair hearing in the overall scheme of things, Mr. Jaishankar said.

EY affiliate released dues only after outrage: mother of deceased staffer

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

The mother of Anna Sebastian Perayil, the 26-year-old Pune-based employee of EY member firm SRBC who died of a heart attack, has said the company did not release the full and final settlement of her daughter for more than two months, and contested the information given by SRBC to the Maharashtra labour department.

The company had told the department that Anna was given compensatory off. "Anna did not get any compensation, any comp off or weekend off. Unlike what the company has said, Anna worked till July 20 and not till July 19," Anita Augustine told *The Hindu* from Kochi.

Ms. Anita said her daughter's offer letter stated that "in case of an unfortunate demise, EY will pay three times of the last drawn CTC (cost to company)", but the family received the amount following the media glare and outrage.

Recently, Maharastra's Labour Department had inspected the EY affliate office in Pune.

"Anna's CTC was ₹9.5 lakh. Three times the amount is ₹28.5 lakh. We received this amount only after the media attention. We were given the money on September 18," she said.

The department had told *The Hindu* that "SRBC had deposited ₹28.5 lakh to Anna's account for the employment for the period from March 11, 2024, to July 19, 2024. The company said it provided double remuneration for extra work. It said the employees are given comp off for extra work hours. As per preliminary information, Anna was given comp off."

However, Ms. Anita contested many of these things. She said Anna was working till the evening of July 20 when she fell ill. The company had told the labour department that she had worked till July 19, and that July 20 and July 21 were her off. "There are mobile chats on her phone with her manager. She had told the manager that her laptop was not working and that she was going to office to get it resolved as the IT department was unable to help her. She had gone to work that day. We do not have access to her laptop now. But her phone has these conversation details," she said.

Giving details about the offer letter, Ms. Anita said the amount received "is not overtime but a provision for the death of an employee".

"The letter stated that if the employee had children, their education will be supported. Also, if the employee has spouse, the company will help in providing employment. These are the death condition benefits. These two conditions didn't apply to Anna. But we want to say that there was no overtime or compensation. We have her payslips. There was no extra leave or compensation," she said.

Ms. Anita said that Anna worked every weekend, and that she logged into her laptop on weekends as well. "She had come to Kochi twice. Both times, she flew in on Saturday morning and left on Sunday morning. She would open her laptop and sit and work. She always said there were no off," she said.

'Rust, weak structure led to collapse of Shivaji statue'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Internal corrosion, rusting, and weak structure of the frame led to the collapse of the statue of Shivaji in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg, a probe panel of Naval officers, domain experts, and government officials said. The 16-page report was submitted to the State government a few days ago.

"The committee has submitted its report. It has stated that the welding was not done properly. There were issues with the maintenance," an official told *The Hindu*. The committee looked at several factors during its visit to the location.

A case has been registered by the Sindhudurg police against the sculptor and the structural consultant. The police have arrested Jaideep Apte, the sculptor, in the matter.

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(set by Gussalufz)

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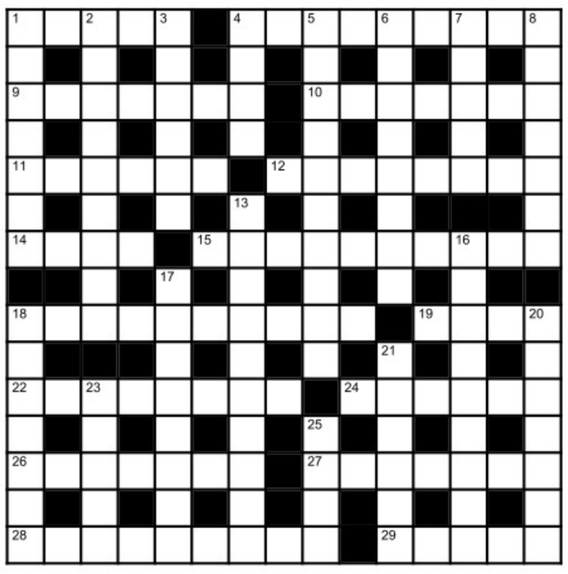

Across

1 Police raids? They're no good (5)
4 My boss is upset I concealed relationship (9)
9 Rock formations signal river rose regularly (7)
10 Find concentration of energy after retiring, cutting sex (7)
11 Weary about commercial? Rant (6)
12 Extremely soupy egg, soft-boiled without solidifying at the core (8)
14 Mislead about smuggling? Very bad (4)
15 Suspended connection after processing partner's last weird gibe (4,6)
18 Clay lost, ultimately; mistakes: boxing casually at first, getting overtime (10)
19 King overwhelmed by fool's questions (4)
22 Prince played court-court (8)
24 Never is Spooner's enemy within range (2,4)
26 Typically rowdy "USA! USA!" yellers, completely naked (2,5)
27 Base of steel bong, intricately recessed (7)
28 Reviewed "choose to fire hundred to survive" contract (9)
29 Origin of recession exposed by Pittsburgh Tribune (5)

Down

1 Overwhelming attack featuring a piece of naan, a bit of egg, and pancake (7)
2 Girl wrestling with purse is more extravagant (9)
3 Unscrupulous tea dynasty retains firm (6)
4 OK, help me, love (2-2)
5 Gussalufz's idea of short story: ten cows dancing (2,3,5)
6 Logging essentially boring entries, absurdly pointless figures (8)
7 Discrimination's rising in country (5)
8 Staff canteen's opening in a month (about) (7)
13 Luxury car with new instrument for liqueur (10)
16 Cut arms deals finally, surrounded by gloomy remnant of flames (9)
17 Tubby, I suppose, abruptly gets tired (8)
18 Moving means property gets hauled up, computer is packed (3-4)
20 Cry in sermon, quietly succumbing to consecration at heart (7)
21 Socialise, no, amid leisure activity, scratching backside? (6)
23 Even fancy tequila lacks it, somehow (5)
25 Backed release date (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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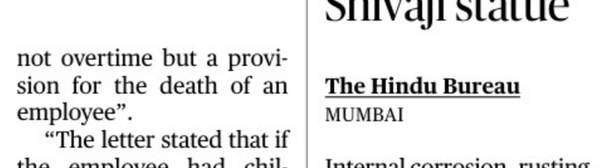

FAITH

God is impartial

God has no partiality between celestials, ogres, demons, devils, or human beings. He does not stipulate that only some groups will be granted moksha and not others. He will be pleased with those who are devoted to Him irrespective of who they are and what race they belong to.

Sri Damodara Dikshitar said in a discourse that submitting oneself to God is a kind of devotion known as "*Atma Nivedanam*". Growing a good plant takes time and effort, while weeds grow without any effort. The path that people choose should be righteous so that they may derive the blessings of God. If people pray to fulfil a desire, it may be called the beginning stage or the first step of devotion. The ultimate goal should be to leave everything at His feet.

However dexterous or intelligent a thief may be, he will still leave a trail of evidence, which is sufficient for the probing authorities. Though the demon Hiranyakasipu had all types of boons so as not to be killed, the Lord superseded them to don the manifestation of Narasimha fit enough to be out of the ambit of the conditional demands of the demon. Even after slaying Prahlada's father, Hiranyakasipu, the Lord's fury did not subside. Brahma, the God of creation, asked the child devotee Prahlada that he alone could calm down the Lord. Prahlada pleaded and prayed for the welfare of all.

INBRIEF

Rolls Royce debuts Cullinan II series SUV in India at ₹10.50 cr.

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars announced the debut of its super-luxury Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) Cullinan series II in India at an introductory price of ₹10.50 crore onwards. "The debut of Cullinan Series II in India represents a significant milestone for Rolls-Royce in the Asia Pacific region," Regional Director Asia-Pacific Irene Nikkein told the media. The price in India starts at ₹10.50 crore and Black Badge Cullinan Series II from ₹12.25 crore. Deliveries will start Q4 2024.

Cleared all GST dues, says debt-ridden SpiceJet

Debt-ridden SpiceJet on Friday said it has cleared all its Goods and Services Tax (GST) dues. The airline, which raised ₹3,000 crore through the Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) route last week, had GST dues worth more than ₹145 crore. In a release, the carrier said it has cleared all the GST dues. As per the preliminary placement document related to the ₹3,000-crore fundraise, the airline had GST dues of ₹145.1 crore as on September 15. PTI

Food-delivery firm Swiggy files papers with SEBI for IPO

Food delivery and quick commerce firm Swiggy Ltd. filed a Draft Red Herring Prospectus for an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The IPO comprises fresh issue of ₹3,750 crore and an offer for sale of 18.5 crore shares. The net proceeds would be used for repaying borrowings in Scootsy, the logistics subsidiary, investment in dark stores and quick commerce, marketing and promotion. Swiggy posted a loss of ₹2,350 crore in FY24, 44% narrower than the loss of ₹4,179 crore in FY23.

'Consumer buying sentiment for festive clothes stays weak'

The biggest factor impacting sentiments appeared to be the significant shift in spending moving towards other avenues of lifestyle, says Clothing Manufacturers Association of India

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The overall consumer sentiments for buying clothes during the upcoming festive season continues to remain weak, as per the annual pre-festive season survey conducted by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) among its members.

As per the findings, as many as 63% of the respondents were expecting to see the same or lower sales of clothing and apparel compared with the last year. Of them, almost 25% were expecting sales to be 75% of the previous year.

Old is gold: As per the survey, 75.5% of the respondents preferred offline retail against 24.5% for online retail. THE HINDU

The biggest factor impacting the subdued sentiments appeared to be the significant shift in larger wallet share of the consumer spending moving towards other avenues of lifestyle – with 35% of the respondents attributing low expectations to this factor, CMAI said.

Another 24% respondents attributed a slowing economy and inflation to be the top challenges.

As many as 75% of the respondents felt mid-priced brands would do best while only 18% said low-priced brands would do better.

PNB raises ₹5,000 cr. via QIP to shore up capital

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Punjab National Bank (PNB) raised ₹5,000 crore via Qualified Institution Placement (QIP) of about 48.19 crore equity shares at an issue price of ₹103.75 a share, which was at a discount of 4.96% to the floor price of ₹109.16 apiece.

PNB said it received bids for about ₹41,734 crore for the QIP issue, which is 16.7 times the base issue size of ₹2,500 crore and 8.3 times the total issue size of ₹5,000 crore, from qualified institutional buyers including mutual funds, foreign portfolio investors and insurance firms.

"The amount of capital raised through QIP issue will augment the bank's CET-1 ratio and the overall capital adequacy ratio," PNB said in a statement.

The issue opened on September 23 and closed September 26. It received an 'encouraging response' with participation by a diversified investor base. Post COVID all banks, especially public sector lenders are mobilising capital to meet regulatory norms.

Shares of PNB closed at ₹109.25, up 1.82% on the BSE on Friday.

TMB targets significant rise in deposits, says MD Nair

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) is targeting a significant increase in its deposit growth, aiming at doubling its current growth levels, MD & CEO Salee S. Nair said while addressing the Annual General Meeting.

Bank officials said by the end of current fiscal, TMB was aiming at 7% growth in deposits and 15% in advances over FY24.

In Q1, the lender had deposits worth ₹49,188 crore and ₹40,853 crore advances, the officials said.

GST Council sets up GoM on compensation cess

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has set up a 10-member Group of Ministers chaired by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to decide on the taxation of luxury, sin and demerit goods once the compensation cess ends in March 2026.

The GoM, includes members from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. It will submit its report by December 31.

Pankaj Chaudhary

In the GST regime, compensation cess at varied rates is levied on luxury, sin and demerit goods over and above the 28% tax. The proceeds from the cess, which was originally planned for five years after GST roll-out or till June 2022, were used to compensate states for revenue loss incurred by them post the introduction of GST.

Loan repayment

In 2022, the Council decided to extend the levy till March 2026 to repay ₹2.69 lakh crore worth loan taken in FY21 and FY22 to make good States' revenue loss during Covid years.

With just one-and-a-half year remaining for the cess to end, the GST Council in its 54 meeting on September 9 decided to set up a GoM to decide the future course of the cess.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	85,572	-0.31
US Dollar	83.69	-0.04
Gold	78,300	0.38
Brent oil	71.54	-0.58

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3130.30	7.65
Adani Ports	1456.70	-15.90
Apollo Hosp	7234.00	66.15
Asian Paints	3310.75	33.70
Axis Bank	1273.15	-3.95
Bajaj Auto	12666.40	44.75
Bajaj Finserv	2010.70	27.90
Bajaj Finance	7756.00	-12.40
Bharti Airtel	1734.60	-36.50
BPCL	367.30	22.20
Britannia Ind	6268.80	14.70
Cipla	1672.50	50.70
Coal India	516.10	9.55
Divis Lab	5457.90	78.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6749.90	5.50
Eicher Motors	5062.60	68.35
Grasim Ind	2783.15	37.30
HCL Tech	1808.40	24.55
HDFC Bank	1752.65	-30.80
HDFC Life	730.20	0.65
Hero MotoCorp	5957.35	-94.10
Hindalco	747.15	12.50
Hind Unilever	2966.25	-19.85
ICICI Bank	1306.60	-22.45
IndusInd Bank	1462.70	10.00
Infosys	1906.75	6.50
ITC	522.70	-0.05
JSW Steel	1001.55	-4.00
Kotak Bank	1872.45	-29.85
L&T	3705.65	-56.50
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6136.10	-27.95
M&M	3183.65	2.55
Maruti Suzuki	13495.60	111.80
NestleIndia	2745.70	-9.80
NTPC	436.90	2.30
ONGC	297.20	2.00
PowerGrid Corp	354.25	-11.20
Reliance Ind	3052.35	56.45
SBI Life	1882.65	-15.65
State Bank	802.65	0.80
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3621.05	-7.40
Sun Pharma	1948.70	50.30
TataConsumerProduct	1201.55	-11.90
Tata Motors	993.00	-0.15
Tata Steel	166.55	0.94
TCS	4308.70	16.20
Tech Mahindra	1609.25	2.30
Titan	3816.70	59.15
UltraTech Cement	11952.30	-112.70
Wipro	541.80	-0.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.50	83.82
Euro	93.20	93.56
British Pound	111.79	112.22
Japanese Yen (100)	58.32	58.54
Chinese Yuan	11.91	11.96
Swiss Franc	98.89	99.28
Singapore Dollar	65.10	65.36
Canadian Dollar	61.96	62.20
Malaysian Ringitt	20.23	20.33
Australian Dollar	57.53	57.75

Source:Indian Bank

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU
Thiruvarur - 610005
Ph: 04366-277359, 04366-277432
Email: **purchase@cutn.ac.in**

Tender No. 2024-25/12 Date: 25.09.2024

TENDER NOTICE

Central University of Tamil Nadu, an institution setup by an Act of Parliament, invites sealed bids from the authorized Service Providers for **CATERING SERVICE IN HOSTELS OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU, THIRUVARUR.**

The prospective bidders are advised to download the tender document from the University website at the link **www.cutn.ac.in/tenders** or **CPP Portal**.
Last date for submission of bid: **18.10.2024 (Refer the website for updates)**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

TENDER NOTICE
Ref. No. 2024_SPEM_691770_1
Kudumbashree invites e-tender for the supply of premix to all nutrimix units
For further information, please visit www.kudumbashree.org/tenders

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,
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Email id :- seeccuttack@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I/01 of 2024-25

1.	Name of Works	(i)	Protection to scoured bank on Mahanadi left from Phulabadi to Kandarpur. Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 01 of 2024-25
		(ii)	Protection to scoured bank on Mahanadi Left near village Sanagaon from RD 6000M to RD 6900M. Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 02 of 2024-25
2.	Total No. of Works	:	2 (Two) Nos. works
3.	Tender Paper Cost (Online) (Non-refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) for each tender

4. Bid details are as follows

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs.in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE, EC-I MND 01 of 2024-25	499.80	4,99,800.00	'A'	8 (Eight) Calendar months	30.09.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	14.10.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	15.10.2024 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I MND 02 of 2024-25	411.00	4,11,000.00	'A'	8 (Eight) Calendar months	30.09.2024 at 10.00 hrs.	14.10.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.	15.10.2024 at 11.30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".
All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site.
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack.
A-316 : OIPR-32370/11/0001/2425

AGRICULTURE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIA LIMITED
Regd. Office: Plate B & C, 5th Floor, Block 1,East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023 CIN : U74999DL2002PLC118123
www.aicofindia.com

Tender for Hiring of Media Monitoring Agency
Open Tender No. TSU/04/2022-PMFBY (FTS-117899)

Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC) on behalf of **"IEC Advisory Committee under PMFBY"** invites bids (Technical & Financial) from eligible bidders for "Media Monitoring" services for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS).

Interested Bidders can download the tender document containing the detailed terms & conditions, free of cost from website **www.aicofindia.com** OR **https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/**

Last date and time of submission of Bids is **21-10-2024** upto **3:30 p.m.**

Please visit our official website **www.aicofindia.com** for any updates regarding this tender notice.

Date: 28.09.2024
Place: New Delhi
General Manager

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Recruitment Notice for Non-Teaching Position

Advt. No: NT-03/2024 Dated :05.09.2024

Opening date for submission of online application: **0900 hrs.** of **September 28, 2024**
Closing date for submission of online application: **1730 hrs.** of **October 27, 2024**
Crucial date for calculation of age/qualification/experience: **October 27, 2024**

The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur, an Institute of National Importance, established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in order to promote higher scientific learning and research as well as scientific exploration at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels of education and to create scientists and academicians of the highest quality invites ONLINE applications from eligible Indian nationals to fill-up the following sanctioned regular posts as per the reservation and mode of recruitment mentioned against each: -

S. No.	Name of the post	Group	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	Mode of recruitment	Vertical Reservation UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Horizontal Reservation PWD	Total No. of posts
1	Superintending Engineer	A	13	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
				Total	01	00	00	00	00	00	01

Please visit the Institute website www.iiserbpr.ac.in for submission of online application and full text of the advertisement.
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(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corporate Identification No. U74140DL1955GOI002481
Advt No.SIC/10/2024
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (The premier Mini-Ratna Government of India Enterprise under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) invites applications from Professionals with suitable domain expertise to be engaged as Chief Technology Officer (Digital Transformation Officer) on contract basis.

For detailed Job Description, Terms & Conditions and Application Form, please visit Career Section of NSIC website **www.nsic.co.in**. The last date of receiving the applications is **21.10.2024**.

THE TAMIL NADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED,
AAVIN ILLAM, 3-A, PASUMPON MUTHURAMALINGANAR SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI-600035.
TELEPHONE : 044-23464500, FAX :044-23464505, E-MAIL: aavindgmeng@yahoo.co.in
Ref.No.13258/Proj.3/2024 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Submission Only)** Dated: 27.09.2024

The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **e-Submission through e-Procurement Portal** from the reputed Manufacturers / Authorized Dealers for following items / works for TCMPF/DCMPU Dairies under Federation / Union Own Funds / Schemes:-

S. No.	Name of the works / Items	EMD Value
1	10 LLPD capacity Fully Automatic Dairy Processing Plant and Two Nos. of 6000 kg/hr. capacity Boiler at Madhavaram, Chennai.	Rs.89,52,000/-
2	Rate Contract for Data Logger	Rs.1,00,000/-
3	Rate Contract for Mass Flow Meter	Rs.1,00,000/-
4	Rate Contract for Silo Level Indicator	Rs.1,00,000/-
5	Purchase of 810 MT± 25% of Caustic Soda Lye Solution through tanker for one year requirement.	Rs.1,00,000/-

The Technical Bids shall be opened through online e-Procurement Portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in)** on mentioned date.The bidders should submit their bids only through e-Procurement Portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in)**. All other details can be seen in the tender documents, the tender documents can be downloaded at the above website. Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

Tender Document Availability	E-Submission End Date	Technical Bid Opening Date
01.10.2024 to 31.10.2024 upto 2.30 PM	31.10.2024 at 2.30 PM	01.11.2024 at 3.00 PM

DIPR/ 3942 /TENDER/2024
Deputy General Manager (Engg.),,
Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd.

सीएसआईआर- राष्ट्रीय अंतर्विषयी विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
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इंडस्ट्रियल एस्टेट डाक घर, पाप्पनंकोड, तिरुवनंतपुरम- 695019
Industrial Estate PO, Pappanamcode, Thiruvananthapuram-695019

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पदनाम Name of Post	पदों की संख्या No. of Post	शैक्षणिक योग्यता Educational Qualification
Project Associate – I (PAT-I)	22	Master's degree in various Science subjects/B Tech/M Tech in Engg/Technology
Senior Project Associate (Sr.PAT)	04	

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CENTRE FOR MATERIALS FOR ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY (C-MET)
(Scientific Society, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India)
IDA PHASE – III, CHERLAPALLY, HCL (PO), HYDERABAD – 500 051
Phone: +91-40-27265587, 27267006, 27261658, Web: www.cmet.gov.in

Advt. No.: HD/02/Rectt/1/SP-49/2024
Engagement of Project Personnel

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

C-MET invites eligible and highly motivated candidates for Walk-in Interview to fill up the following temporary and time bound positions under MeitY sponsored project titled "Informal Sector Capacity Building Upgradation with formation of recycling clusters under MSME scheme and Enabling Technology for Recovery of Resources from Electronic Waste thereby Promoting Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy". The positions are purely temporary and are co-terminus with the project duration (i.e. 19.12.2027).

Sl. No.	Name of the Position	No. of Positions UR	OBC	Total	Date of Walk-in-Interview	Reporting Time
1	Program Co-ordinator-	1	-	1	15.10.2024	09:00 Hrs.
2	Research Associate	1	-	1	15.10.2024	13:00 Hrs.
3	Project Fellow	3	1	4	16.10.2024	09:00 Hrs.
4	Project Assistant	3	-	3	16.10.2024	13:00 Hrs.

For application format, educational qualifications, age limit & other important details, please visit our website: **www.cmet.gov.in**
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DIRECTOR

Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation, Jalgaon
Sanitation Department
E-Tender Notice No.04/2024-25
Extension No. 02

Reference Number :- Outward No.JCMC/Sanitation/681/2024-2025 Date. 27/09/2024

Inviting E-tender From Registered Institute or Company/Agency for Work of 1.House to House Collection of Municipal Solid Waste (Dry & Wet Separately) up to Processing Plant Via Secondary Transfer Collection Centre. 2.Supply of 500 Labourers for Daily Road Sweeping, Drain Cleaning etc. for 3 years Period at Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation Jalgaon Area. All Information and Details of Tender, Like Tender Form Fee, Tender Cost, EMD, Time Schedule etc available on website www.mahaetenders.gov.in

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Commissioner
Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation, Jalgaon

SANAA

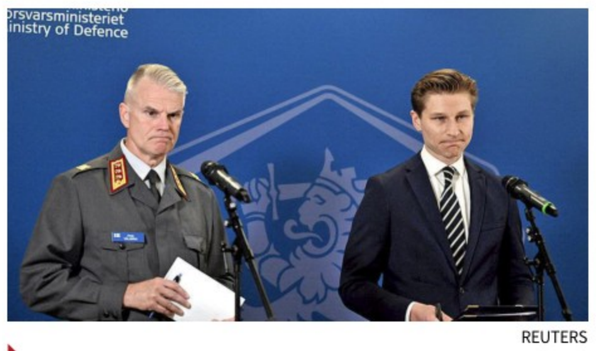
Yemen's Houthis claim missile, drone attack on central Israel

AFP

Yemen's Houthi rebels on Friday said they had carried out a missile and drone attack on central Israel, after Israel's military said air defences intercepted a missile fired from the country. The Iran-backed Houthis fired a ballistic missile at a "military target" in the Tel Aviv area, a statement from the rebel forces said. AFP

HELSINKI

Finland to place NATO base less than 200 km from Russian border



REUTERS

Finland will place a key NATO base in Mikkeli, less than 200 km from its border with Russia, "sending a message" to its eastern neighbour, the Defence Ministry said on Friday. Finland became a NATO member last year, dropping decades of military non-alignment after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. AFP

TOKYO

Ex-Defence Minister Ishiba chosen to lead the ruling party in Japan

REUTERS

Japan's governing party on Friday picked former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba as its leader, setting him up to become Prime Minister next week. At a news conference, he pledged to continue outgoing PM Fumio Kishida's economic policy aimed at pulling Japan out of deflation and achieving real salary increases. AP

BRUSSELS

Belgian PM blasts Pope Francis for church's sex abuse cover-up legacy

REUTERS

Belgium Prime Minister Alexander De Croo, in his welcome speech on Friday, blasted Pope Francis for the Catholic Church's horrific legacy of clerical sex abuse and cover-ups in his country, demanding "concrete steps" to come clean with the past and put victims' interests first. AP

Netanyahu vows no let-up in war with Hezbollah, Hamas

As long as Hezbollah chooses the path of war, Israel has no choice, and Israel has every right to remove this threat and return our citizens to their home safe, the Israeli PM tells the UNGA

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to keep striking Hezbollah and fight "until victory" against Hamas, in an address to world leaders on Friday that defied calls for ceasefires in Lebanon and Gaza.

Hezbollah and Israel have been locked in a deadly exchange of cross-border fire since the group's Palestinian ally, Hamas, attacked Israel on October 7.

Israel's aerial bombardment of Hezbollah strongholds around Lebanon has killed around 700 people this week alone, according to the Health Ministry, but a U.S.-led bid for a ceasefire has failed to take hold.

Rooted resolve: Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the 79th United Nations General Assembly in New York, on Friday. REUTERS

"As long as Hezbollah chooses the path of war, Israel has no choice, and Israel has every right to remove this threat and return our citizens to their home safe," Mr. Netanyahu told the UN General Assembly, adding that operations against the Iran-backed militant group will "continue until we meet our objectives."

Nearly a year into the war with Hamas in Gaza, Israel shifted its focus to its northern front with Lebanon. On Friday, Lebanon's National News Agency said Israeli air strikes had intensified overnight, and that one strike had killed a family of nine in south Lebanon.

Moments after Mr. Netanyahu finished his address, the Israeli military announced it was carrying out new strikes against Hezbollah targets in south Lebanon. Hezbollah fired rockets into the northern Israeli city of Tiberias, saying it was responding to "savage" strikes on Lebanese towns and villages.

Mr. Netanyahu also addressed the war in Gaza, saying Israel's military would continue to fight Hamas until the Islamist movement was crushed.

"If Hamas stays in power, it will regroup... and attack Israel again and again and again... So Hamas has got to go," Mr. Netanyahu said, vowing to fight the group until "total victory".

Dissanayake govt. restores old visa system, adhering to top court order

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's newly elected government led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has restored the country's old visa system, adhering to a recent Supreme Court order that suspended a controversial new portal managed by a consortium, including an Indian company.

The announcement was made late on Thursday, almost two months after the country's top court directed immigration authorities to revert to the online platform that was in use before the Ranil Wickremesinghe administration switched to the new system, roping in GBS Technology Services, the India-registered IVS Global Services, and VFS Global.

In April this year, Mr. Wickremesinghe's government opted for the new

Anura Kumara Dissanayake

system. Following the move, Sri Lanka's visa fee nearly doubled, sparking concern within the island nation's tourism industry, a key foreign exchange earner.

"The visa facility provided by VFS Global has caused significant difficulties for many. Especially foreigners arriving in Sri Lanka experienced considerable challenges in obtaining their visa," Minister of Public Security Vijitha Herath said.

In July, three prominent opposition parliamentarians, M.A. Sumanthiran, Rauff Hakeem, and Champika Ranawaka, moved the Supreme Court against the government for allegedly "aiding and perpetrating a multi-billion-dollar scam" in bringing in the new system. Corruption watchdog Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL), too, filed a Fundamental Rights petition calling for action against "procedural violations and abuse of public trust" by officials in the procurement of private entities to handle the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) system.

Interim order

On August 2, the Supreme Court issued an interim order suspending the Cabinet decision approving new online and expat visa operations in Sri Lanka. Consequent to the court order, authorities were expected to restore the old visa system with immediate effect. On Wednesday, Department of Immigration and Emigration chief Harsha Ilukpitiya was arrested for failing to act on the Supreme Court's decision for over a month after its ruling.

"Sri Lanka recorded over 2 lakh tourist arrivals every month until the shift to the new via system in April this year, after which numbers dipped, data published by the Sri Lankan Tourism Development Authority showed. Over 13 lakh tourists have visited Sri Lanka until August 2024, bringing in more than $2 billion in revenue. Indian tourists are among those exempted from a visa fee. They are expected to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization before arriving in Sri Lanka," a note on the visa portal said.

Veteran British actor Maggie Smith dies

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Oscar-winning British actor Maggie Smith, a star of stage and screen for more than seven decades, died in hospital, in London on Friday, her sons announced.

She was 89.

During the course of her career, Smith who won a Tony, two Oscars, three Golden Globes and five Baftas (British Academy Film Awards).

Maggie Smith

Some of her best known films included *Gosford Park*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *The Lady in the Van*, *Downton Abbey* and the *Harry Potter*.

Trump, Zelenskyy meet in U.S. amid simmering tensions

Sriram Lakshman
NEW YORK

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with former United States President Donald Trump on Friday morning in New York after simmering tensions between the two politicians over differences in opinion on how to end the Russia-Ukraine war and U.S. assistance to Ukraine had cast doubt on whether the meeting would take place.

The two men met for just under 45 minutes on Friday morning at Trump Tower in Manhattan, where Mr. Zelenksyy is on a visit to the United Nations, which is holding its general debate this week.

Before the meeting, Mr. Trump had said he had "very good" relations with both Mr. Putin and Mr. Zelenskyy, prompting the Ukrainian President to say, "I hope we [you] have more good relations with us."

"Oh, I see. It takes two to tango, you know," Mr. Trump said.

Mr. Zelenskyy had said he felt Mr. Trump did not know how to end the war, in a September 22 interview with the *New Yorker*, in which he also said Mr. Trump's running mate J.D. Vance was "too radical".

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump said that Mr. Zelenksyy was "making little nasty aspersions" against him. Mr. Trump has been ambiguous about who he wants to see victorious in the war, saying it is important the war must end.

Standing beside a tense-looking Mr. Zelenksyy on Friday, Mr. Trump said that if he won there would be a "fair and actually rather rapid deal".

"It should stop. The President [Zelenskyy] wants it to stop. And I'm sure President Putin wants it to stop," he said. Asked what he would consider "fair", Mr. Trump said it was too early to define.

Mr. Zelenksyy stressed the need for a "just peace" and that Mr. Putin needed to be pressured to stop the war.

"He is on our territory, that is most important to understand, he is on our territory," he said.

'Victory Plan'

Mr. Zelenskyy was in Washington DC on Thursday to present his 'Victory Plan' to U.S. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who is also the Democratic candidate for the presidency.

Republicans had criticised Mr. Zelenskyy's visit on Sunday to an ammunition factory in Scranton, Mr. Biden's hometown in the election swing state of Pennsylvania. The factory makes 155 mm artillery shells; the U.S. has sent Ukraine 3 million of these, the *Associated Press* had reported.

Mr. Zelenskyy was accompanied on his visit by Democrat leaders, including the state's governor Josh Shapiro, who is a strong supporter of Ms. Harris.

House Oversight Chair James Comer launched a probe into the Scranton visit. With the U.S. general election approaching next month, House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson (Republican) strongly criticised the visit.

"The tour was clearly a partisan campaign event designed to help Democrats and is clearly election interference," Mr. Johnson said on Wednesday, in an open letter to Mr. Zelenskyy, in which he demanded that Ukraine's envoy in Washington, Oksana Markarova, be immediately fired.

Sport

Impressive Railways, the team to beat

HOCKEY

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Even without players from the core group of the Indian men's team, the 95th MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup All-India hockey tournament has witnessed quite a few quality matches.

This is not to say that domestic tournaments don't need current Indian players to attract spectators. But to highlight the fact that irrespective of whether star players come or not the show will go on.

The semifinals – Indian Railways versus Odisha and IOC versus Army – of the tournament to be held here on Saturday, is expected to be keenly-fought. Of the four teams, Railways has been the most impressive. Whenever the team is

Good show: Railways' Joginder Singh in action against BPCL. M. VEDHAN

down, it has found a way to come out of it. If at all the team has any concerns, it is in the conversion of penalty corners. The defending champion earned 19 corners in the tournament and could convert only six. "We are working on it and trying to improve," Railways head coach Sunil Kumar Singh told *The Hindu*.

Odisha, too, has been impressive, but Railways will have the edge. Former champion IOC has a headache to handle. Four of its players – Gurinder Singh, Gurjinder Singh, Affan Yousuf and Vickram Kanth – are suffering from viral fever. And its head coach Deepak Thakur has a task at hand. "Army is a tough team, no doubt. I hope my players get fit for the semifinals," Thakur said.

Treesa-Gayatri enter semifinals, Srikanth loses

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
MACAU

India's K. Srikanth was ousted in men's singles but the women's pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand progressed to the semifinals of the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Srikanth lost 21-16, 21-12 to Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus in just 31 minutes. Treesa and Gayatri, seeded third, outwitted Chinese Taipei's sixth seed Hsu Yin-Hui and Lon Jhih Yun 21-12, 21-17 in the women's doubles quarterfinals.

Terenga may score in Totaram's Trophy

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer Deshmukh's ward, Terenga, may score over his rivals in the Totaram's Trophy, the main event of Saturday's (Sept. 28) races.

1 BELOVED PRINCE PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-only (Cat. II) – 1.40 p.m.: 1. Annihilator (7) Kuldeep Sr. 56, 2. Country's Maximus (4) Akshay K 56, 3. Hoping King (8) Mohit 56, 4. That's My Mission (6) Mukesh 56, 5. Dream To Fly (1) G. Naresh 54.5, 6. Elegant Lady (5) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 7. Lady Jane (10) Md. Ekram 54.5, 8. Newfound Glory (3) Santosh Raj 54.5, 9. Shooting Star (2) Abhay Singh 54.5 and 10. Total Control (9) Vivek 54.5.
1. ANNIHILATOR, 2. SHOOTING STAR, 3. COUNTRY'S MAXIMUS

2 STAR OF GWALIOR PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III) – 2.10: 1. Deccan Ranger (5) Sonu Kumar 60.5, 2. Glimmer Of Hope (3) Shivansh 60, 3. Silver Arrow (1) M. Mark 60, 4. Star Cruise (8) Kuldeep Sr. 60, 5. Tortilla Chip (9) P. Sai K 59.5, 6. Blue Brigade (2) Surya Prakash 58, 7. Blue Label (4) R.S. Jodha 58, 8. Reining Queen (7) P. Ajeeth K 57.5 and 9. Protocol (6) Md. Ismail 50.
1. DECCAN RANGER, 2. REINING QUEEN, 3. TORTILLA CHIP

3 BELOVED PRINCE PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 2.45: 1. Ashwa Yashvir (4) Gaurav 56, 2. Exclusive Black (5) Md. Ismail 56, 3. Iconic Star (3) Akshay K 56, 4. My Brother (2) R.S. Jodha 56, 5. Amboseli (6) Kuldeep Jr. 54.5, 6. Freedom Touch (---), 7. Hoping Wind (7) Mohit 54.5, 8. Most Beautiful (1) Mukesh 54.5, 9. N R I Desire (8) Kuldeep Sr. 54.5 and 10. Una Paloma Blanca (9) Abhay Singh 54.5.
1. ICONIC STAR, 2. ASHWA YASHVIR, 3. AMBOSELI

4 BELOVED PRINCE PLATE (Div. III) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Bellingham (5) B.R. Kumar 56, 2. Hawk Wing (4) G. Naresh 56, 3. Jolly Jester (3) Md. Ismail 56, 4. Leo (2) Rafique Sk. 56, 5. Peanut (1) B. Nikhil 56, 6. Grey Sky (7) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 7. Linda (6) Akshay K 54.5, 8. Opera Queen (8) Likith Appu 54.5 and 9. Skyward (9) Gaurav 54.5.
1. SKYWARD, 2. LINDA, 3. JOLLY JESTER

5 CHARMINAR CUP (1,600m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.45: 1. Amigo (3) Mukesh 60, 2. China Town (6) Vivek 60, 3. Caraxes (5) Shivansh 57.5, 4. See My Attitude (4) Akshay K 56.5, 5. Anemoi (---), 6. Club Queen (2) Md. Ekram 52 and 7. Definite (1) P. Ajeeth K 52.
1. SEE MY ATTITUDE, 2. AMIGO, 3. CARAXES

6 TOTARAM'S TROPHY (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. True Icon (6) Shivansh 60, 2. The Inheritor (3) Rafique Sk. 59.5, 3. Reigning Beauty (8) Likith Appu 59, 4. City Of Blessing (9) B.R. Kumar 57.5, 5. Morior Invictus (2) M. Mark 57, 6. Terenga (4) Akshay K 54, 7. Happy Soul (1) Surya Prakash 52.5, 8. Coming Home (7) Sonu K 51 and 9. Power Ranger (5) Md. Ekram 51.
1. TERENGA, 2. POWER RANGER, 3. REIGNING BEAUTY

7 STAR OF GWALIOR PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III) – 4.45: 1. Mademoiselle (2) Abhay Singh 60.5, 2. Planet Super (7) Ajay K 60, 3. Exponent (6) R.S. Jodha 59.5, 4. Taaliyah (1) Deepak Singh 59.5, 5. Bien Pensant (3) Surya Prakash 58.5, 6. Dali's Champion (8) Rafique Sk. 57.5, 7. Stoli (5) Md. Ekram 55 and 8. Fortune Art (4) G. Naresh 53.5.
1. PLANET SUPER
2. STOLI
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Day's Best: ICONIC STAR
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Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 5, 6 & 7.
Tanala: All races.

CHALLENGE

Tackling the spin duo of Ashwin and Jadeja will be crucial: Maxwell

FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Maxwell feels that Australia's success in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy is directly linked to how its batters negate the Indian spin duo of Ashwin and Jadeja. "If we play well against those two, we'll find ourselves in a better position compared to when they've had a field day and run through us," Maxwell said.

CAPTAIN'S KNOCK

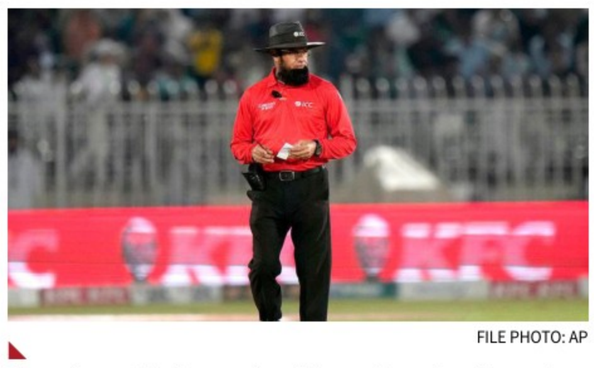
Brook's quickfire half-century powers England to 312

GETTY IMAGES

Captain Brook (87, 58b, 11x4, 1x6) led England to 312 for five in 39 overs in the fourth ODI against Australia at Lord's on Friday. Livingstone provided a surge towards the end with a 27-ball 62 (3x4, 7x6) after rain delayed the start. **The scores:** England 312/5 in 39 overs (Duckett 63, Brook 87, Livingstone 62 n.o.) vs Australia.

BOWING OUT

ICC international panel umpire Aleem Dar to step down



FILE PHOTO: AP

Three-time world cricket umpire of the year Aleem Dar will step down in 2025 after the Pakistan domestic season. The 56-year-old Dar served on the ICC elite panel of umpires from 2003-23. He is on the Pakistan elite panel and is among four Pakistani umpires on the ICC international panel, making him eligible to officiate in ODIs and T20s.

MOVING ON

Bravo retires from all forms of cricket, joins KKR as mentor

FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

World Cup-winning West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket and will join IPL side Kolkata Knight Riders as its mentor, a move that marks the end of his long-standing association with Chennai Super Kings. "Today is the day I say goodbye to the game that has given me everything."

Indian bowlers keep Bangladesh batters in check on rain-hit day

Akash Deep impresses with fine spell; only 35 overs possible as second Test gets under way; Mominul shines for the visitors

BANGLADESH IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
KANPUR

Wet outfield, bad light, and torrential afternoon showers meant only 35 overs were possible on the opening day of the second Test between India and Bangladesh here at the Green Park Stadium on Friday.

Asked to bat first, Bangladesh was 107 for three in the second session, with Mominul Haque (40 batting) and Mushfiqur Rahim (6 batting) at the crease when bad light intervened. Minutes later, a huge downpour lashed the venue, leaving puddles on the covers and play was called off at 2.50 p.m.

Earlier, overnight rains delayed the start of proceedings by an hour. While there were no issues around the pitch and the square, the ground staff had to work hard to prepare the areas near the straight boundaries on either side of the ground.

The toss eventually happened at 10 a.m., and Rohit Sharma had no hesitation in inserting the opposition under overcast conditions. Though the pitch here is slower and has less bounce, the home team retained the winning combination from Chennai, playing three quicks. On the other hand, the visitors made two changes, bringing in seamer Khaled Ahmed and left-arm spinner Taijul Islam for seamers Taskin Ahmed and Nahid Rana.

Skipper's delight: Akash gave India the breakthrough. SANDEEP SAXENA

Even as the sun played hide and seek and dark clouds were an ever-looming presence, the crowd was treated to some exciting passages of play from both sides.

Jasprit Bumrah was unplayable in the first hour, swinging the ball both ways. The spearhead bowled three maidens up front to Zakir Hasan, who looked tentative.

At the other end, Shadman Islam looked more assured, flicking Bumrah and sweeping R. Ashwin for a few boundaries.

Akash Deep gave the hosts a breakthrough with his third delivery when he dismissed Zakir for a painful 24-ball duck.

The left-hander walked down a few paces to counter the pacer coming around the wicket but could only edge it to gully, where Yashasvi Jaiswal took an excellent catch, diving low to his right.

Akash struck again in his third over by trapping Shadman in front, who was beaten while trying to work the ball through the leg-side.

Though not given out initially, India successfully appealed the decision. The Bengal speedster was relentless, moving the ball into the left-handers off the pitch and getting the odd one to straighten.

Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto and Mominul Haque then steadied things by stitching a 51-run partnership for the third wicket.

Najmul started nervously, edging three of his first four boundaries, but then grew in confidence, playing his shots, including a reverse sweep off Ashwin.

The diminutive Mominul was also watchful at the start but then looked in good touch, regularly ramping the fast bowlers over the slip cordon.

He also played some glorious drives through the off-side.

However, after lunch, Ashwin showed his guile when he had Najmul leg-before with a delivery that came in even as the batter played for the turn.

With inclement weather forecast for at least one more day and the drainage facility not up to modern standards, players and fans might have to brace for more interruptions on Saturday if the rains don't stay away.

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH — 1st innings
Zakir Hasan c Jaiswal b Akash 0 *(24b)*, Shadman Islam lbw b Akash 24 *(36b, 4x4)*, Mominul Haque (batting) 40 *(81b, 7x4)*, Najmul Hossain Shanto lbw b Ashwin 31 *(57b, 6x4)*, Mushfiqur Rahim (batting) 6 *(13b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1): 6; Total (for three wkts. in 35 overs): 107.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-26 (Zakir, 8.3 overs), 2-29 (Shadman, 12.1), 3-80 (Najmul, 28.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 9-4-19-0, Siraj 7-0-27-0, Ashwin 9-0-22-1, Akash 10-4-34-2.
Toss: India.

Bangladesh fan backtracks on attack allegation

Swift action: The medical team at the venue attended to Robi before he was taken to a hospital for treatment. SHAYAN ACHARYA

Sports Bureau
KANPUR

A Bangladesh fan alleged that he was attacked by spectators at the Green Park Stadium during the first day of the second Test on Friday.

The fan named 'Tiger' Robi, who was seen decked in a tiger-themed costume and face paint, claimed that a few fans punched him in the back and lower abdomen during the lunch break. However, later in the evening, Robi backtracked his claims and said that he felt unwell.

Robi was on the C block balcony of the Stadium, waving his country's National flag.

The medical team at the venue attended to Robi before he was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Abhishek Dubey, Assistant Police Commissioner (ACP), Kalyanpur, said: "He (Robi) felt sick suddenly, and with the help of the medical team and the police officers on the ground, we took him to the hospital, and now he is recovering.

"There were claims that he was beaten up by some people, but that isn't true," Dubey added.

Lakshmi and Vrindha in panel for Women's T20 World Cup

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Match referee G.S. Lakshmi and umpire Vrinda Rathi were the Indian names in a 13-member all-female panel of match officials announced by the ICC on Friday for next month's Women's T20 World Cup to be held in the United Arab Emirates from October 3 to 20.

Both Lakshmi and Vrinda were also in the panel during the previous edition of the tournament held in South Africa in 2023.

The edition's panel has three match referees and 10 umpires.

Meanwhile, Australia's Eloise Sheridan and Lauren Agenbag of South Africa have been appointed as on-field umpires for the marquee India vs Pakistan match at the Dubai International Stadium on October 6. Jacquline Williams of the West Indies will be the TV umpire.

The tournament begins on October 3 with the opening clash between Bangladesh and Scotland.

The umpires and match referees for the semifinals and final, to be played on October 17, October 18 and October 20 respectively, will be announced later.

Kamindu Mendis equals Bradman as Sri Lanka piles on the misery on New Zealand

NZ IN SRI LANKA

Associated Press
GALLE

Kamindu Mendis matched Don Bradman as the joint third fastest player to 1,000 Test runs as Sri Lanka tightened its grip on New Zealand in the second test on Friday.

Sri Lanka declared at 602 for five in its first innings and left New Zealand reeling at 22 for two by stumps. With three full days left to play, Kiwis face a mountainous challenge to avoid a second defeat.

Kamindu reached the 1,000-run milestone in just his 13th innings, sharing the honour with Bradman, who achieved the feat in 1930 against England at Headingley. Only England's Herbert Sutcliffe and West Indies great Everton Weekes reached the landmark in fewer innings, doing so in 12 knocks.

With audacious flair he brought up his 1,000th run by stepping down the track to Rachin Ravindra and smashing a towering six straight back over the bowler's head.

Dream start: Kamindu Mendis became the joint third fastest player to 1,000 Test runs during his unbeaten knock of 182. AP

The crowd's celebrations were bittersweet, however, as Sri Lanka declared before Kamindu could reach his maiden double century.

He was unbeaten on 182 off 250 balls, an innings laced with 16 boundaries and four massive sixes.

Kamindu found strong support from Kusal Mendis, who shrugged off recent struggles to post an undefeated 106, his 10th Test century.

Kusal combined with Kamindu for an unbroken 200-run partnership, the highest sixth-wicket stand for Sri Lanka against New Zealand on home soil.

This partnership also set a record as the highest sixth-wicket stand in Galle, by any team, further cementing Sri Lanka's dominance.

The scores: Sri Lanka 602/5 decl. in 163.4 overs (Chandimal 116, Mathews 88, Kamindu Mendis 182 n.o., Kusal Mendis 106 n.o.) vs New Zealand 22/2 in 14 overs.

Chance for talented youngsters to prove a point

ATHLETICS

Y.B. Sarangi
PATNA

Several talented athletes are eager to prove their worth in the Indian Open under-23 athletics event, starting at the Patliputra Sports Complex here on Saturday.

Olympian Ankita Dhyani, who competed in 5000m in Paris but will try her hand in 3000m steeplechase here, 100m National record holder Manikanta Hobildhar (10.23), 200m Federation Cup and Inter-state champion Animesh Kujur, who came close to equalling the National record this year, South Asian under-20 champion triple jumper Rishika Awasthi and promising race walker Mansi Negi are among those who may hog the limelight.

Notably, the men's 100m has attracted 89 entries.

The fourth edition assumes importance as it comes before the inaugural Asian under-23 event next year. "The under-23 event will bridge the gap between the under-20 and elite levels. It was approved in the last council meeting of the Asian Athletics and the bidding process is on," said Asian Athletics Association technical director C.K. Valson.

Ankita. FILE PHOTO

"As per a study, many of the under-20 athletes don't make it big at the elite level because of the gap. In my event, racewalk, athletes mature late. So this kind of competition helps them," said 2012 Olympian race walker Basant Rana, who now serves as a coach in the Army.

Besides, the athletes will look to perform well ahead of the Asian and World championships next year.

FC Goa rides on Borja's hat-trick to score over East Bengal

ISL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Borja Herrera scored a fine hat-trick to help a 10-man FC Goa beat East Bengal 3-2 and register its first win of the ISL at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

Madih Talal, who scored from a penalty and substitute David Lalhlansanga scored for East Bengal.

The visiting team outshone the host, with its forward-line troubling East Bengal's defence right from the start.

Goa went ahead in the 13th minute when its Serbian winger Dejan Drazic fired a low cross inside the East Bengal box. East Bengal custodian Debjit Majumder intercepted the pass but his punch went straight to the feet of Borja, who latched on to the rebound and slotted the ball into the open goal.

Borja doubled the lead for Goa making the most of a defensive error by East Bengal stopper-back Hijaji Meher in the 29th minute.

Madih Talal scored from the spot to in the 29th minute to reduce the lead.

Goa continued to attack after the break and made it 3-1 in the 71st minute when Borja completed his hat-trick with a nice solo effort. This effectively sealed the match in favour of Goa, which was down to 10 men in the 81st minute when its midfielder Carl McHugh was ejected for receiving a second booking.

East Bengal reduced the margin when substitute David Lalhlansanga scored in the 85th minute.

The result: East Bengal 2 (Madih Talal 29-penalty, David Lalhlansanga 85) lost to FC Goa 3 (Borja Herrera 13, 21, 71).

Three cheers! A hat-trick by FC Goa's Borja proved too much for East Bengal. DEBASISH BHADURI

INBRIEF

Man City's Rodri to miss the rest of the season

Manchester City midfielder Rodri will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery on his damaged ACL on Friday. The Spain international also injured his meniscus. "This season is over (for him)," City manager Pep Guardiola said.

National karting c'ship at the new MIKA this weekend

The Madras International Karting Arena (MIKA), inaugurated just last week in Chennai, will host its maiden competitive event, the fifth and final round of the MECO-FMSCI National karting championship Rotax Max Classes this weekend. With 54 entrants in the fray and titles up for grabs, the two-day event, commencing on Saturday, is expected to dish out high-octane action.

Alvarez snatches Atletico a fortunate victory at Celta

Julian Alvarez struck a 90th-minute winner for Atletico Madrid to snatch a 1-0 victory at Celta Vigo on Thursday in La Liga.

The results: Las Palmas 1 (Moleiro 9) drew with Real Betis 1 (Lo Celso 45+3); Espanyol 1 (Jofre 45+1) lost to Villarreal 2 (Perez 45+6, 63); Celta Vigo 0 lost to Atletico Madrid 1 (Alvarez 90).

No-confidence motion against AITA president

In an unprecedented move, eight state tennis associations, affiliated with AITA, have proposed to move a no-confidence motion against president Anil Jain and an EGM has been called on September 28 in New Delhi for the purpose. Anil is facing the charges of "loading the association with his personal 'entitled' expenses."

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Bangladesh: 1st Test, day 2, Sports 18-1 & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.

Sri Lanka vs New Zealand: 2nd Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 10 a.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

BFC hosts Bagan in likely feisty affair

The Kolkata outfit, which has conceded four goals in two outings, will be tested by Bengaluru's attackers Vinith, Mendez and Chhetri

ISL

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Ready for the challenge: BFC will be wary of Petratos and Stewart's threat up front. X@MOHUNBAGANSG

Bengaluru FC faces Mohun Bagan Super Giant in a battle of unbeaten teams in the Indian Super League at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

BFC has made a fine start to its campaign, recording wins over East Bengal and Hyderabad FC. Bagan settled for a draw in the opener with Mumbai City FC, before edging out NorthEast United 3-2 a few days ago.

The Kolkata outfit, which has conceded four goals in two outings, will be tested by BFC's attackers Vinith Venkatesh, Edgar Mendez and Sunil Chhetri. Argentinian striker Jorge Diaz is not available due to an injury.

"Mohun Bagan is a very good team, and it will mark us man to man as it has done in the past. It will be a midfield battle, and I feel whoever wins there will win the game.

"I am sure that both teams will play high-intensity football, which will be a great sight for the supporters," said BFC head coach Gerard Zaragoza.

BFC will be wary of the threat posed by Mohun Bagan's Aussie-Scottish duo of Dimitrios Petratos and Jason Cummings up front.

Santorino claims feature event

MYSURU: Irfan Ghatala trained Santorino (L.A. Rozario up), won the Maharaja's Cup - 2024, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Sept 27).
The winner is owned by Mr. Francis Arun Kumar, Mr. Nirmal Singh & Mr. Mohd Javeed Ghatala.
THE RESULTS
1. PENAMBUR PLATE: SEA DIAMOND (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Double Vision (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Quick Witted (Antony) 3 and Warrior Woman (J. Paswan) 4. Not run: The Blissfulelysee and Sunlit Path. 1/2, 2-1/4 and 5. 1m 41.09s. Rs. 44 (w), 28, 18 and 24 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 49, FP: 103, Q: 73, Trinella: 231, Exacta: 1,795. Favourite: Double Vision.
Owners: Mr. M. Sridhar & M/s. Seabliss Racing LLP. Trainer: Kishan Thomas.
2. SHIMSHA PLATE: FLYING FALCON (Abhishek Mhatre) 1, Furious Fun (Dhanu S) 2, Sky Storm (Kiran Rai) 3 and Island Lass (L.A. Rozario) 4. Not run: Elevado. 3, 2-1/2 and 3-1/2. 1m 06.79s. Rs. 27 (w), 12, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 43, FP: 107, Q: 37, Trinella: 230, Exacta: 471. Favourite: Flying Falcon.
Owners: Mrs. Namratha B. Salvi & Mr. T. Sudeer Patel. Trainer: Bipin Salvi.
3. AUNTY PIP PLATE: FELICITA (Koshi K) 1, Deemed To Fire (Angad) 2, Game Boy (Arvind K) 3 and D Fighter (P. Siddaraju) 4. 1-1/2, 2-1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m 27.22s. Rs. 39 (w), 15, 17 and 19 (p), SHP: 60, THP: 51, FP: 337, Q: 178, Trinella: 1,967, Exacta: 20,077 (carried over). Favourite: Felicita.
Owner: Mr. Sunil Santhosh Serrao. Trainer: R. Helleal Moses.
4. RANGA FAMILY TROPHY (DIV. I): DISCIPLE (Antony) 1, Sea Of Adventure (Koshi K) 2, Connecting Dots (R. Girish) 3 and Golden Sparsh (Abhishek Mhatre) 4. 2, 1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 26.78s. Rs. 13 (w), 11, 13 and 49 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 117, FP: 43, Q: 35, Trinella: 3,576, Exacta: 27,021 (carried over). Favourite: Disciple.
Owners: Ms. Ameeta Mehra, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
5. M.B. APPAYA MEMORIAL TROPHY: GRIZZLY (Vinod Shinde) 1, Aralina (S. Saqlain) 2, Stellantis (Suraj) 3 and D Gold Star (S. Brahmmesh) 4. 3-1/2, 2-3/4 and 2. 1m 25.18s. Rs. 39 (w), 15, 10 and 10 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 51, FP: 198, Q: 57, Trinella: 240, Exacta: 5,075. Favourite: Aralina.
Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Warren Singh.
6. MAHARAJA'S CUP - 2024: SANTORINO (L.A. Rozario) 1, Shamrock (Suraj) 2, Prana (Antony) 3 and Trevalius (S. Saqlain) 4. Nk, 1-1/2 and 3/4. 1m 37.01s. Rs. 236 (w), 16, 15 and 11 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 39, FP: 885, Q: 403, Trinella: 2,460, Exacta: 13,241. Favourite: Shamrock.
Owners: Mr. Francis Arun Kumar, Mr. Nirmal Singh & Mr. Mohd Javeed Ghatala. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
7. RANGA FAMILY TROPHY (DIV. II): RED FALCON (B.R. Kumar) 1, Carat Love (Dhanu S) 2, Enjoyable (A. Ramu) 3 and D Lord (Koshi K) 4. 4-1/2, 4-1/2 and 3/4. 1m 26.15s. Rs. 20 (w), 17, 69 and 30 (p), SHP: 180, THP: 103, FP: 268, Q: 348, Trinella: 4,842, Exacta: 14,118 (carried over). Favourite: Red Falcon.
Owner: Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
8. SON OF THE LIGHT PLATE: N R I TOUCH (S. Saqlain) 1, Sergeant Reckless (Faiz) 2, Coorg General (Dhanu S) 3 and Tower Quest (Kiran Rai) 4. 2-1/2, 2-1/4 and 3/4. 1m 13.99s. Rs. 63 (w), 12, 10 and 23 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 47, FP: 112, Q: 41, Trinella: 459, Exacta: 2,912. Favourite: Sergeant Reckless.
Owner: Mr. Shakir Qureshi. Trainer: Md. Sajid Qureshi.
Jackpot: Rs. 21,006 (carried over).
Mini Jackpot: 972 (carried over).
Treble (i): 946 (one tkt); (ii): 811 (two tkts); (iii): 1,941 (carried over).

I feel I played good chess and the results followed: Gukesh

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Celebration time: Gukesh, Praggnanandha, Vaishali with Srinath (men's team non-playing captain) and Arjun Kalyan, (women's team coach) at a felicitation function. M. VEDHAN

India's GM D. Gukesh, GM R. Praggnanandha, GM R. Vaishali along with women's team coach Arjun Kalyan and men's non-playing captain Srinath Narayanan who conquered the world by winning the FIDE Chess Olympiad recently were felicitated by Velammal Nexus with a cash award of ₹40 lakh here on Friday.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the Spreading Chess Through Victory event organised by Velammal School where chess boards were distributed to Government School students and special children, an elated Gukesh said, "This is a huge achievement, especially considering the last time we didn't win the gold. This time I wanted to win the gold individually and even as a team we wanted to win the gold for the country. Glad we could achieve it.

"Personally, during this Olympiad, I felt really good.

"I feel I played good chess and the results followed. I am quite happy as I am doing the right things."

About his preparation for the upcoming World Championship match against reigning champion Ding Liren, a confident Gukesh said, "I am just coming at the top, there are always a lot of things to work on, I am still learning, I have to improve on a lot of things. I am just trying to play good chess. I am sure my opponent Ding Liren will also come up with fighting spirit and we'll have an exciting match."

Talking about India's triumph and what made the difference this time, Srinath said, "I think it's the growth in the individual strength of all the players, it was astronomically high. I think that was the biggest difference. I would say, probably this is one of the best teams of all-time in the history of the Olympiads."

Women's team coach Arjun felt the blend of youth and experience was the difference and it helped India strike gold, "This was a new experience for me working with the women's team. Both the teams (men & women) were fighting hard every single game.

"There is a good blend of youth and experience. There are Harika and Tania who have played so many Olympiads over the years. Then there are Divya, Vantika, and Vaishali who have played only a couple of events, but did the bulk of the scoring.

India loses to Iran in AFC U-20 Asian Cup Qualifiers

Press Trust of India
VIENTIANE (LAOS)

A fighting India went down by a solitary goal to four-time champion Iran in its second group match at the AFC U-20 Asian Cup Qualifiers here on Friday.

India conceded a goal in the 88th minute when Yousef Mazraeh managed to beat 'keeper Priyansh Dubey in the Group G match.

Rithvik and Arjun in Challenger doubles final

Sports Bureau

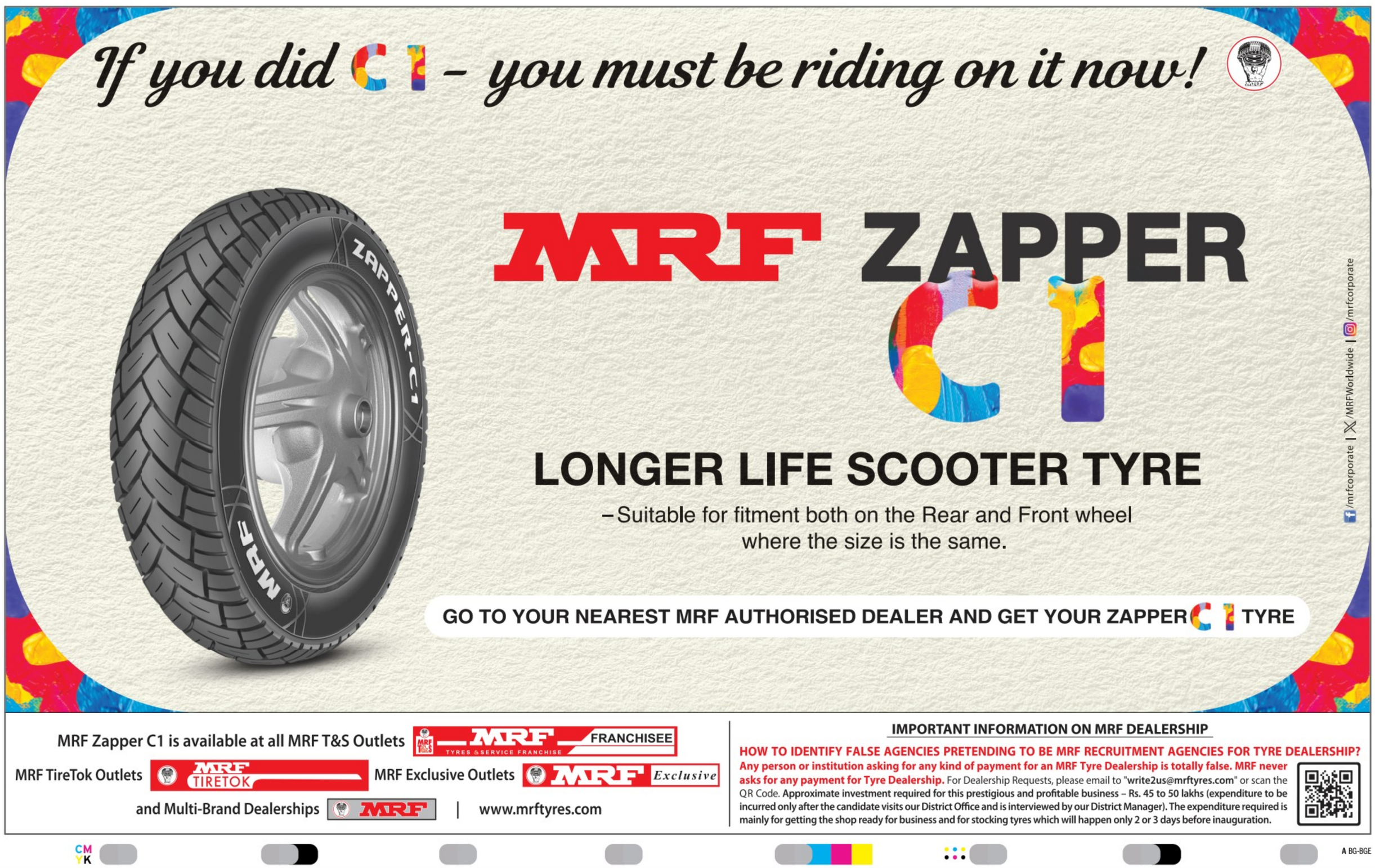
Top seeds Rithvik Bollipalli and Arjun Kadhe beat Toshihide Matsui of Japan and Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles semifinals of the $133,250 Challenger tennis in Nonthaburi, Thailand, on Friday.

Other results:
$25,000 ITF men, Kigali, Rwanda: Quarterfinals: Adil Kalyanpur bt Manuel Plunger (Ita) 6-3, 6-1; Karan Singh bt Guy Iradukunda (Bdi) 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-3.

Doubles: Quarterfinals: Corentin Denolly (Fra) & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Adil Kalyanpur & Rishi Reddy 6-4, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles: Semifinals: Daniil Golubev & Evgenii Tirunev bt Aryan Lakshmanan & Roland Stuurman (Ned) 6-4, 7-5.

$25,000 ITF women, Berkeley, USA: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Alicia Linana (Esp) & Sahaja Yamalapalli w/o Iva Jovic & Clervie Ngounoue (USA); Rutuja Bhosale & Ema Burgic (USA) bt Angella Okutoyi (Ken) & Merna Refaat (Egy) 6-4, 6-2.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HOW TO IDENTIFY FALSE AGENCIES PRETENDING TO BE MRF RECRUITMENT AGENCIES FOR TYRE DEALERSHIP?
Any person or institution asking for any kind of payment for an MRF Tyre Dealership is totally false. MRF never asks for any payment for Tyre Dealership. For Dealership Requests, please email to "write2us@mrftyres.com" or scan the QR Code. Approximate investment required for this prestigious and profitable business – Rs. 45 to 50 lakhs (expenditure to be incurred only after the candidate visits our District Office and is interviewed by our District Manager). The expenditure required is mainly for getting the shop ready for business and for stocking tyres which will happen only 2 or 3 days before inauguration.
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